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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Detained professor:** A Georgia Tech professor detained by Chinese authorities who accused him of spying said Monday that China's actions were "punishment for his noncooperation."

Fei-Ling Wang said his arrest in July was an example of "persecution by suspicion" but would not elaborate. He said at some point he will "tell the world what really happened, but right now, I'd just say that the charges are totally fabricated."

Wang, an American citizen, was detained in China for two weeks and released Aug. 8, when he returned to the United States.

**Rudolph verdict:** The Alabama Supreme Court upheld a lower court's ruling that accused serial bomber Eric Robert Rudolph must pay \$115 million to a nurse injured in a 1998 blast at a Birmingham abortion clinic.

Rudolph had asked the Supreme Court to overturn the ruling of Jefferson County Circuit Judge Helen Shores Lee, claiming he wasn't properly served with the lawsuit filed in 2000 by nurse Emily Lyons and her husband, Jeff.

**Peterson case:** On audio tapes secretly recorded by Amber Frey, Scott Peterson endures harsh questioning from his one-time mistress and denies any involvement in his wife's disappearance.

Judge Alfred A. Deluchi said last week that the tapes would continue to be used through Tuesday morning. Defense attorneys said they expected to begin their cross-examination of Frey by Tuesday.

**State secession effort:** Killington officials are encouraging a number of Vermont communities to join them in an effort to secede from the state and join New Hampshire.

If enough communities look at secession and believe it's important enough to take to voters, then Vermont may take the issue more seriously, Killington Town Manager David Lewis told Ludlow officials Monday.

Lewis and two selectmen were also planning to meet with officials in Manchester and Dorset. Lewis said he hoped to be invited to Plymouth and other communities in the region as well.

**Asian bird flu:** The National Institutes of Health awarded Chiron Corporation a contract to develop up to 40,000 doses of vaccine against H5N2 avian influenza, a type of bird flu that is less lethal but more widespread than the strain that killed 27 this year in Asia.

Chiron will manufacture the H5N2 vaccine in Siena, Italy, using an inactivated strain of the virus provided by the Centers



EFE, JUANJO MARTIN/AP

**Spanish troops in Afghanistan:** A group of Spanish soldiers joke before boarding a transport airplane at an air base in Getafe, Spain, on Tuesday. Seventy Spanish army and air force soldiers flew to Afghanistan as part of the first contingent of a Spanish government pledge to temporarily boost its troops there to more than 1,000.

for Disease Control. The Emeryville, Calif.-based company will manufacture up to 40,000 doses of the vaccine.

## World

**Fischer's engagement:** Former chess champion Bobby Fischer's announcement that he is engaged to a Japanese woman could win him sympathy among Japanese officials and help him avoid deportation to the United States, his fiancée and one of his supporters said Tuesday.

Fischer, wanted in the United States for allegedly violating international sanctions on former Yugoslavia, was detained in Japan last month when he tried to travel on an invalid American passport.

The chess league's lawyer, Masako Suzuki, announced the marriage plan on Monday as she pressed the U.S. State Department to send a consular officer to Fischer's detention center outside of Tokyo so he could renounce his U.S. citizenship.

**Bali bombings:** The mastermind of the 2002 Bali bombings threatened Tuesday to kill U.S. President George W. Bush and Israel-

li Prime Minister Ariel Sharon if he ever gets out of jail, where he is waiting to be executed for his role in the attacks that killed 202 people.

Imam Samudra made the comments as six militants jailed over the nightclub bombings had their sentences cut by two months in traditional pardons to mark independence day, authorities said.

Samudra's sentence was not affected.

## War on terrorism

**Guantanamo review panels:** A U.S. military review panel on Monday heard the case of a Guantanamo prisoner accused of training with a militant Islamic group, officials said.

The man, whose name and nationality were not released, has been held at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for about two years, said military spokeswoman, Navy Cmdr. Becci Brenton.

The man did not call any witnesses. Details of the detainee's testimony weren't available, nor was the recommendation of the three-member tribunal. There were no journalists present.

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# US has 'taxed' base on realignments

BY JOSEPH GORDON

Stars and Stripes

YONGSAN GARRISON, South Korea — With scant details available on how Pacific bases will be affected, servicemembers indicated they had little idea Tuesday what they had of President Bush's plans to shift forces to 70,000 overseas servicemembers and 100,000 civilians to the United States over the next decade.

While the bulk of the reductions and base closures would take place in Europe, Pentagon officials said, there are ongoing "negotiations" on shifting forces in the Pacific. But at a background briefing by Pentagon and State Department officials after Bush's speech Monday, no new details were given.

Any changes in numbers "will not be dramatic in Asia," said a senior defense official who briefed Pentagon reporters on condition of anonymity.

Some troops at Misawa Air Base in northern Japan, for instance, have yet to hear of the restructuring plan.

But some, such as Staff Sgt. Benetia Hill, a dental technician with the 35th Dental Squadron, thought that what she's heard of the president's intentions would bring much-needed relief to overworked troops based in the United States.

"With the ops tempo the way it is, they're working so hard over there that they're burning out our people," she said. "Here, we're not overmanned, but we're comfortable. It's think it will afford people in the States more of an opportunity to take leave, get some (temporary duty), without their supervisor saying you can't go because the shop is too minimally manned."

At Misawa, said Airman, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron structural engineer Tobin Lindsey, at first said the proposed troop shifts in Europe and Asia wouldn't affect him.

Then Lindsey got to thinking: His Misawa tour is up in May and he wants to go to England next. "I want to stay overseas," he said, wondering if perhaps it will be

## Pacific nations expect little change

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

The Associated Press

TOKYO — An American ally Japan and Australia embraced a new U.S. plan to restructure its forces abroad, while Russia said it was not concerned by the proposal. But Germany, home to 70,000 U.S. soldiers, said any withdrawal from the former Cold War frontier may hurt its economy.

The plan, announced Tuesday by President Bush, centers on U.S. forces based in Europe and was not expected to lead to major changes in American troops in Asia.

The United States bases some 50,000 troops in Japan and another 37,000 in South Korea, where they counter North Korea's large military.

"Japan welcomes the review of the U.S. military framework that will better suit the global security environment and further contribute to peace and stability," the Japanese Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

together to do so if Bush's plan moves forward.

Thinking some more, Lindsey said, "I don't see why [troops] in the States. If something happens overseas, they can get us there a lot faster than they can from the States. Especially if they spent all the money sending everyone overseas already. It seems like kind of a waste."

In South Korea, U.S. officials already publicly have acknowledged a proposal to remove 12,500 of the roughly 33,000 servicemembers here, with 6,000 then Infantry Division troops already deployed to Iraq.

While the initial U.S. proposal called for that being completed by the end of next year, South Korean officials Tuesday reiterated their desire to see the reductions delayed by one to two years. The two sides are to negotiate the issue Aug. 19 at the next round of Future of the Alliance Talks.

Among soldiers, the reduction plan — coupled with ongoing efforts to consolidate and relocate

bases to areas south of Seoul — seem popular.

"I'm all for moving out of a third of the troops in Korea. Between the one-year tours and the old bases and all that, I think having fewer people here is better," said Staff Sgt. William Banks of 8th Army.

Banks and his friends, sitting in an Incheon coffeehouse Tuesday, agreed that returning some South Korea-based troops to the United States would make sense.

"I mean, if you've got the Air Force here and the Navy around, you don't really have to have as many soldiers," said Sgt. Chris Smith, also of 8th Army.

At the same time, they said, some soldiers who joined the Army specifically so they could go on overseas tours might become disappointed.

On Okinawa, civilian workers and family members had mixed reactions.

Jenna Kuehn, whose husband is

Japanese officials believe the latest decision will bring no major changes to U.S. forces in Japan, including the number of troops, a Defense Agency official said on a condition of anonymity.

In South Korea, where Washington earlier disclosed plans to cut a third of its forces, officials said Monday's announcement held no surprises.

"I don't think there will be big changes for us," South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon told reporters.

Australia said the troop redeployment would better enable Washington to deal with terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

"While the number of U.S. forces deployed around the world may reduce, the review is designed to develop a force that is better able to respond to a wider range of contingencies," said Defense Minister Robert Hill.

Australia and the United States are developing joint military training facilities in Australia and are cooperating in the controversial U.S. missile defense shield program.

in the Air Force, said she understood the necessity of overseas deployments but didn't necessarily like them.

"My husband is active-duty Air Force, and I don't like it when he deploys, but on the other hand we need military overseas in the need of a disaster or crisis," she said.

Yoshiki Genka, a civilian postal worker on Camp Foster, wondered about job security if troops were pulled from Okinawa.

"If they leave Japan, many of us will lose our jobs," he said.

In South Korea, that scenario already is playing out. Because of consolidation plans with 2nd ID bases north of Seoul, military officials said last week some 800 South Korean base employees last month. While those employees will be eligible for placement on other bases, the bulk likely will be forced into retirement.

Japanese government officials had little to say about Bush's speech but acknowledged discussions have been under way.

"Unofficial talks have been long going on between the governments

at different levels," said a spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Press Division in Tokyo on Tuesday.

He would not comment on unattributed reports in the Japanese press that the talks involve moving some Marine units from Okinawa to mainland Japan — primarily an artillery unit barred from having live-fire exercises on Okinawa.

"We are not in a position to disclose details of the discussions because there is another party involved," he said. "Having said that, for Japan, it is important that the deterrence power is effectively maintained."

"At the same time, the government will give consideration to the burden of the local communities hosting the military facilities including Okinawa," he said. "We will pursue further consultation with the United States in line with this policy."

In comments to reporters Monday on a flight from Russia, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said local perceptions would be one of the driving factors in determining realignment.

"We will have alternatives, and we're flexible. We want our forces where they're wanted," he said, according to a Pentagon transcript. "We want our forces where we have the right kinds of legal arrangements and SOFAs, our status of forces agreements and the like."

Rumsfeld also said it was unlikely the changes would be announced in one fell swoop.

"We will announce what we announced as they are resolved and sorted through or discussed," he said. "And then they will play out over a period of years, so there's not going to be a big announcement of everything."

"But what will happen is all of the troops that are being announced and they'll be announced as they're finalized, and then it could play out over four, five, six years."

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# Critics: Policies, not practicality, prompted decision

From wire reports

President Bush's announcement that he plans to move 60,000 to 70,000 troops from Cold War-era hot spots back home to and regions with potential threats has provoked both support and derision from politicians and analysts in the United States.

"The world has changed a great deal, and our posture must change with it, for the sake of our military families, for the sake of our taxpayers, and so we can be more effective at projecting our strength and spreading freedom and peace," Bush said Monday.

The president's proposal ran into immediate criticism from retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark, who is supporting Bush's Democratic rival, Sen. John Kerry. Clark said Bush's proposal made little strategic sense for conducting a global war on terrorism, and he said the plan would "significantly undermine" U.S. national security.

"As we face a global war on terror with al-Qaida active in more than 60 countries, now is not the time to pull back our forces, and I question why President Bush would want to do this now," Clark said.

"This ill-conceived move and its timing

seem politically motivated."

Richard C. Holbrooke, a Kerry foreign policy adviser and former U.S. ambassador under President Clinton, said on CNN that the plan is a further unilateral step toward disengagement from traditional allies whom Democrats maintain.

"This is a major step away from strong alliances," Holbrooke said.

"This is another example of the administration's unilateralism. It's going to weaken our national security. It is not going to save us money. It will cost billions of dollars to bring these troops home. It's a mistake, driven by the fact that we're stretched too thin in Iraq and the presidential election."

The political value in all these proposals, one Bush strategist said, is that the portrayal the president as "an agent of change," willing to rethink fundamental assumptions. By contrast, they argue, Kerry's hos-

tility to the idea paints him as wedded to obsolete assumptions.

"This is about modernization of defenses, and pursuing transformational change while Democrats are defenders of a pre-9/11 status quo," the GOP strategist said.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said in a report in May that greatly reducing the U.S. presence overseas could save more than \$1 billion a year but could cost nearly \$7 billion upfront.

"Restoring Army forces would produce, at best, only small improvements in the United States' ability to respond to far-flung conflicts," the CBO said.

U.S. troop strength in South Korea, where American forces have been stationed for more than a century, would be reduced from its current level of 37,000. Troop strength in Japan, now about 40,000, also would be cut.



Holbrooke

Clark



## IN THE WORLD

# Britain charges 8 with terrorist offenses

BY JILL LAWLESS

The Associated Press

LONDON — British police on Tuesday filed charges of conspiracy to murder and other offenses against eight terrorist suspects — including an alleged top al-Qaida operative charged with possessing plans of financial institutions that were at the center of a U.S. terror alert this month.

A U.S. government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one of the men, 32-year-old Dhiren Barot, was a key al-Qaida suspect — variously identified in published reports as Abu Eisa al-Hindi or Abu Musa al-Hindi — suspected of being involved in surveillance on prominent financial institutions in Washington and New York.

Police said Barot, Mohammed Naveed Bhatti, 24; Abdul Aziz Jalil, 31; Omar Abdul Rehman, 20; Junade Feroze, 28; Zia ul Haq, 25; Qaisar Shafi, 25; and Nadeem Tarmohammed, 26, were all accused of conspiring "with other

persons unknown" to commit murder between January 2000 and Aug. 4 of this year.

The eight also were charged with conspiring between the same dates to cause a public nuisance by using radioactive materials, toxic gases, chemicals and/or explosives to cause "disruption, fear or injury."

Barot and Tarmohammed were charged with possessing a reconnaissance plan of the Prudential Building in Newark, N.J., in violation of the Terrorism Act.

Barot was charged with possession of notebooks containing information on explosives, poisons, chemicals and related matters, and of a reconnaissance plan concerning the New York Stock Exchange, the International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C., and the Citigroup building in New York.

Those buildings, along with the World Bank in Washington, were identified by U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge on Aug. 1 as possible terror targets uncov-

ered by new intelligence.

Officials later said the intelligence included surveillance reports on the buildings from 2000 and 2001, and acknowledged the U.S. government had discovered no evidence of plans for imminent attacks.

Shafi was charged with possessing an extract from the "Terrorist's Handbook" containing information on the preparation of chemicals, explosive recipes and other information.

A ninth man, Matthew Philip Monks, 32, was charged with pos-

session of a prohibited weapon.

The men were among 13 detained in Aug. 3 raids across England linked to arrests last month in Pakistan, and to the Aug. 1 terrorism alerts in New York, New Jersey and Washington.

Associated Press reporter Ted Brills in Washington contributed to this report.



Moroccan Mounir el Motassadeq, center, waits with his lawyer Josef Graessler-Muenschner, right, and a translator on the third day of el Motassadeq's retrial on Tuesday in Hamburg, northern Germany.

## Witness: Moroccan key to Hamburg cell

BY DAVID RISING

The Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany — A Moroccan accused of helping the Sept. 11, 2001, suicide pilots was a central member of an increasingly radical group around lead hijacker Mohamed Atta that believed "something had to be done against America," a witness testified Tuesday.

Shahid Nickels, a 23-year-old German student, was the first of more than 30 witnesses scheduled to appear before the Hamburg state court retrying Mounir el Motassadeq, who is charged with giving logistical aid to the Hamburg al-Qaida cell that included Atta and fellow hijackers Marwan al-Shehhi and Ziad Jarrah.

Nickels said he met the men in 1997 at Hamburg's radical al-Quds mosque, where he attended a Quran study class led by Atta.

The group believed that "Israel

didn't have the right to statehood and suicide attacks were legitimate," Nickels said. "In America, they believed that the Jews had a lot of power."

The group's inner circle included el Motassadeq, Nickels testified.

The group became increasingly radical and by late 1999 the conversation "was all about jihad," or holy war, he said.

"They said that something had to be done against America — it was the general opinion," Nickels said.

Nickels then distanced himself from the group because, he testified, "I couldn't stand hearing any more about the guilt of the Jews."

El Motassadeq, 30, was convicted in February 2003 of membership in a terrorist organization and more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder and then sentenced to the maximum 15 years. Nickels testified during that trial.

But the conviction was overturned in March.

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# Israel invites bids to build homes in West Bank blocs

BY PETER ENAV  
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government issued bids Tuesday for 1,000 new homes in Jewish West Bank settlements, insisting the construction has Washington's tacit approval even though it violates a U.S.-backed peace plan.

U.S. officials said Tuesday that they expected Israel to abide by the "road map" peace plan, which, among other things, calls for a construction freeze in Jewish settlements.

There has been growing tension between Israel and the United States in recent weeks over the West Bank settlements, both over ongoing construction in established communities and Israel's failure to dismantle settlement outposts.

However, there has been little public criticism of Israel.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's decision to issue the bids comes as he faces a growing rebellion in his Likud Party. Party hard-liners oppose his plans to withdraw from the Gaza Strip by 2005 and to bring the moderate Labor Party into his fragile coalition.

The party's Central Committee was to vote Wednesday on a possible alliance with Labor.

The new homes will be built in four West Bank settlements: Kariem Shmonon, Ariel, Maaleh Adumim and Beitar Illit, Housing Ministry spokesman Kobi Bleich said. He denied a report that the Geva Bin-Yamin and Kiryat Arba settlements also were involved.

Bleich said the settlements earmarked for expansion are within "the Israeli consensus," meaning they are among those Israel plans to keep in any scenario.

Sharon has said he wants to annex large West Bank settlement blocs to Israel as part of a future peace deal.

In April, President Bush said it was "unrealistic" to expect Israel to withdraw from all the West Bank and dismantle large population centers in a peace agreement with the Palestinians. This was seen by Israel as a green light to continue expanding large settlement blocs.

Tipi Livni, the acting housing minister, said she believes the construction approved Tuesday "absolutely fits in with the American declarations."

However, U.S. Embassy spokesman

Paul Patin reiterated that Israel must honor its commitments under the peace plan.

"Israel has accepted the 'road map' and all its stipulations and we expect it to abide by them," Patin said.

The Israeli government adopted the peace plan in May 2003, but it never got off the ground, as both Israel and the Palestinians failed to fulfill their obligations.

Earlier this month, Sharon temporarily suspended the bids, asking that the construction plans be checked. Sharon's decision was seen, in part, as an attempt to defuse growing tensions with the United States over settlements.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat urged Bush to intervene on the settlement construction and pressure Israel to live up to its obligations.

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# Burundi, Rwanda may send troops after Congo rebels

BY ALOYS NIYUYITA  
The Associated Press

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Burundi and Rwanda on Tuesday threatened to send troops into Congo to hunt down militiamen who massacred at least 160 refugees at a U.N. camp, if Congo fails to disarm the fighters.

The Burundian army chief accused Congolese soldiers of participating in Friday's massacre. "The negative forces that attacked were made of [Burundi rebels] that acted as guides, former Rwandan soldiers, together with part of the Congolese army," said Brig. Gen. Germain Niyoyankana, chief of Burundi's army. He said the Congolese faction was made up of tribal fighters known as Mayi Mayi.

The Burundian army is prepared to pursue the attackers, who used Congo's territory to launch the raid Friday on the on camp sheltering Congolese Tutsi refugees, Niyoyankana said.

In the Congolese capital, Kin-

shasa, a Mayi Mayi official denied Niyoyankana's charge.

"The Mayi Mayi aren't guilty ... for this attack. It wasn't possible that they could have entered Burundian territory," Muzuri Tambe said.

Rwanda and Burundi twice have invaded Congo in attempts to root out Hutu militias. The second invasion, in 1998, sparked a five-year war in Congo that drew in six African countries before it ended in 2003. An estimated 3.5 million people died during that conflict, most from war-induced disease and starvation.

The fighting was part of more than a decade of violence between the region's majority Hutus and minority Tutsis that has wracked this corner of central Africa. The conflict also spawned the 1994 Rwandan genocide and a continuing civil war in Burundi that ended in 1993.

"We must avoid a new attack from Congo, so the Burundi army does not rule out an offensive in ... Congo. Everything depends on the Congolese government," Niyoyankana said.

oyankana said. "Our president has asked the Congolese government for an explanation."

Rwandan Foreign Minister Charles Muligande also warned that his country is prepared to act against Rwandan rebels and allied groups based inside Congo if they are not disarmed.

Extremist groups have ganged up with the aim of eliminating ethnic Tutsi from the three countries, Muligande said in the Rwandan capital, Kigali.

In Friday night's massacre, attackers beat drums and blew horns as they went home to home, shooting, hacking and burning to death at least 160 Congolese Tutsi refugees at the camp in Burundi.



Mourners cover the coffins Monday of 163 Congolese Tutsi massacred Friday at Gatumba, a U.N.-run refugee camp in Burundi, in a mass grave during a funeral service. Burundi sealed the border with Congo and troop reinforcements were being moved in to head off further violence in the region.

## Family wrongly told son drowned in Rio Grande

BY OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ  
The Associated Press

SALINAS VICTORIA, Mexico — Omar Garcia Escobedo's family thought their 25-year-old son had, like so many other migrants seeking work in the United States, drowned trying to cross the treacherous, fast flowing Rio Grande River.

After all, on Aug. 6, an investigator in Texas' Starr County called and said a man carrying a wallet with his ID card had drowned in the river. His father and a cousin went to the United States and identified the badly decomposed body from photographs.

But two days after the burial ceremony, the factory worker and father of a 10-month-old boy called to say he was alive and well in the border city of Brownsville, Texas.

The stunned family said Monday that Garcia Escobedo should be granted temporary U.S. residency and a work visa because of the foul-up. They also want U.S. authorities to take back the body of the unidentified man they put in the ground and pay the \$2,500 a funeral home charged them for the burials services.

"We told them my cousin had a scar on his left eyebrow and that his toes were crooked," said Melva Villareal, a cousin who went to the United States to identify the body. "They told us our description matched the body and we trusted them."

Garcia Escobedo's wife and father went with Villareal to the

Starr County Sheriff's department office in Rio Grande City and identified the body through photographs. They held a funeral for him on Thursday and were still deeply grieving when they received a telephone call from Garcia Escobedo on Saturday.

"He told me, 'Mama, I couldn't call earlier because they robbed me and I couldn't afford a phone card until now,'" his mother, Margarita Escobedo, said.

Garcia Escobedo worked at one of the many assembly-for-export factories that surround his village and earned about \$70 a week, his mother said. He headed to the United States from his home in Salinas Victoria, about 100 miles from Laredo, Texas, in early August and was robbed when he arrived at the border.

Family members at first said they planned to sue Texas authorities for negligence, but have since backed off that claim.

They said they'd prefer for Garcia Escobedo to avoid deportation back to Mexico.

"The only thing I want is that they leave my son alone so that he can work," said his father, also named Omar. "I ask that they put his papers in order."

Sandra Mendoza, a spokeswoman for the Mexican consulate in McAllen, Texas, said the woman was not shown to relatives because it was badly decomposed. Identifying victims using photographs is standard procedure for drowning victims, she said.

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# Iwakuni revives Obon

BY GREG TYLER  
Stars and Stripes

Marine Corps Community Services officials on Saturday will revive the Iwakuni Obon Festival and Culture Day, which used to be an annual tradition at Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station.

"I've been here about 10 years, and up until five years ago, we always had the Obon festival," said Alex Perkins, MCCS special events coordinator. "So this year, we are really striving to refurbish the event and get it back up to speed."

"It's actually a very good event that brings people together. It emphasizes aspects of both cultures. We're expecting well over 600 people, and we'd like to see the whole base alive," Perkins added.

The Iwakuni Obon Festival and Culture Day is free and open to the entire base community, including workers, families and guests of Indirect Hiring Agreement, Maritime Labor Contract and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force employees.

Obon is an annual Buddhist event for commemorating ancestors. Each year during Obon, Buddhists believe, the ancestors' spirits return to this world to visit relatives. At the end of Obon, floating lanterns are put into rivers, lakes and seas to guide spirits back into their world.

The Iwakuni festival, which begins at 2 p.m. with a sake barrel breaking on the main parade field, will be filled with Japanese activities and demonstrations, culminating with the spirit and colorful Obon Dance. Later in the afternoon, attendees can witness a tea ceremony and *ikebana* (flower arrangements) displays in the Building One Auditorium lobby.

Inside the auditorium until 5 p.m., there will be dance demonstrations, calligraphy, *akido* (way of harmony), *taisho* go (a type of writing), *kimono*, *singing*, *kendo* (fencing) and *koto* (Japanese harp). Activities including *origami* (paper folding), bamboo drumming and calligraphy will be available outside on the parade field.

A 30-foot Iwakuni white snake supported by 15 local dancers moving in unison around the parade field begins the state of evening festivities.

At 6 p.m., another sake barrel-breaking ceremony takes place as a prelude to performances by Iwakuni Taiko Drummers, Kuga Daiko Drummers and the Iwakuni Obon dancers. The 125 dancers and drummers perform from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. under the light of hundreds of red lanterns strung across the field. Dance instructors also will be on hand to teach.

Popular and traditional Japanese music constantly will play during the festival, Perkins said. Also, participants can purchase *yakitori* (grilled chicken on a stick), *nikukiri* (grilled meat dish), *ika* (squid), *udon* (noodles) and various beverages.

"Events like this help to educate Marines, sailors and their families about the local culture, which helps to bridge the gap between the Japanese community and the community the service members live in," said John Pace, MCCS special events and entertainment manager.

"We think Obon is just an excellent opportunity for this type of event," he added.

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Firetrucks shoot water cannons to keep the crowd cool during the Friendship Festival at Yokota Air Base, Japan, last year.

## 100,000-plus visitors expected at Yokota Friendship Festival

BY VINCE LITTLE  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — The 54th annual Japanese-American Friendship Festival takes place this weekend along the base's flightline near Hangar 15.

More than 110,000 Japanese visitors turned out for the 2003 festival — when temperatures soared into the upper 90s. With milder weather predicted this time around, base officials expect attendance to climb.

Events are set from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday.

A variety of U.S. military and Japanese aircraft will be on static display, including the B-52 Stratofortress, C-130 Hercules, C-21A Learjet, F-15 Eagle, F-16 Fighting Falcon, KC-135 Stratotanker, MC-130P Combat Shadow, UH-1N Huey and UH-60. Flight demonstrations also are planned.

Live entertainment featuring rock, pop, blues, gospel and Latin music will emanate from both an outdoor and indoor stage. Performances by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pa-

cific-Asia, Yokota Samurai and Jinba Taiko teams, and the Tanabata Dancers, are on tap as well.

More than 200 booths are being set up in the festival area, officials said, complete with demonstrations, games and concessions.

Male and female bodybuilders will appear on stage Sunday afternoon in the Yokota Strong Man Challenge, sponsored by the Yokota Fireworks Center.

A fireworks finale, slated for 8:45 p.m. Sunday, is to punctuate the weekend festivities.

Base guests must provide a photo ID and will be allowed to enter Yokota only on foot through the Supply Gate, officials said. Bike racks are available.

Pets, large baggage, glass bottles and coolers are among the prohibited items, and all bags will be subject to search at the gate. Smoking won't be permitted on base.

The Friendship Festival was created to strengthen ties between Japan and the United States, Yokota officials said. It's designed to promote the exchange of friendships, cultures and experiences.

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## Fest events schedule

**SATURDAY**

- 9 a.m.: Gates open; Welcome ceremony.
- 9:30 a.m.: Aircraft flight demonstrations.
- 10 a.m.: Yokota Samurai Taiko, Jinba Taiko performances; Clash Nakh rocks.
- 11 a.m.: Pacific Air Force Band-Pacific Trends; Mele Iale rock.
- Noon: Gospel Connection Choir; DAVA (rock).
- 1 p.m.: Okinawa traditional drums.
- 1:30 p.m.: HOT-1 (blues and rock).
- 2 p.m.: Yokota Samurai Taiko, Jinba Taiko performances; Clash Nakh rocks.
- 2:30 p.m.: Chalm School Group old rock.
- 3 p.m.: Qd's blues and rock; Electric Warrior (80s and 90s hard rock).

**SUNDAY**

- 9 a.m.: Gates open.
- 9:30 a.m.: Aircraft flight demonstrations.
- 10 a.m.: Yokota Samurai Taiko, Jinba Taiko performances; Clash Nakh rocks.
- 11 a.m.: Yokota Tanabata Dancers; Na'ls.
- Noon: Gypsy Groove (Latin); Female rock event with Ruggie and Fuzzy Control.
- 1 p.m.: Yokota Samurai Taiko, Jinba Taiko performances; Clash Nakh rocks.
- 2 p.m.: Clotted Cream; Yokota Strong Man Challenge.
- 3:30 p.m.: Japanese pops event.
- 4 p.m.: Yokota Samurai Taiko, Jinba Taiko performances; Clash Nakh rocks.
- 5:30 p.m.: Mike & The Retro Vibes (top 40 rock event with Ruggie and Fuzzy Control).
- 7 p.m.: Yokota Strong Man Challenge.
- 8 p.m.: Fireworks introduction by PACAF.
- 8:45 p.m.: Fireworks.

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Above: Satoru Hasegawa, assistant cameraman with Cinehouse filming company, looks at his shot Monday on Camp Zama while lensing a scene.

Left: Main cameraman Masayuki Kawada adjusts his camera angle as Japanese actor Hideaki Ito recites his line at a Zama phone booth.



SKY M. LARON/Courtesy of the U.S. Army

# Japanese film crew uses Zama for movie backdrop

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — When two soccer players — one Japanese, the other South Korean — met in Boston during the 1994 soccer World Cup, they formed a novel idea to bring one of the world's most famous sporting events to their countries.

The two realized that they would have a better bid for hosting the World Cup if they combined their country's efforts rather than competing to host the games.

Their idea worked. In 2002, for the first time, the world watched the historic games in two separate countries. It was called the 2002 World Cup Korea/Japan.

This week, a Japanese television film crew is bringing their story to life in a television movie due out this fall. To authenticate some of the scenes, they filmed part of it at Camp Zama outside Tokyo.

While it makes sense to film the American scenes at a U.S. Army base, they also filmed an early scene set in Peru at a dilapidated building on post.

Camp Zama, the headquarters of U.S. Army Japan, offered plenty of space and an American feel, said Yukitoshi Horikawa, location coordinator for Cinehouse,

which is producing the film with Fuji Television.

"It's different from Japanese style," he said through a translator.

Horikawa learned about the Army base years ago when he worked on a film at Sagami-hara Family Housing Area near Camp Zama.

Horikawa contacted the base two months ago wondering if Zama would work for his current project.

The U.S. Army Japan Band building, with peeling paint and a gloomy facade, seemed to make a perfect Peruvian bus stop, with a few extras in Peruvian costume and signs in Spanish.

A phone booth beside the base post office was the perfect imitation of the phone booth in Boston where the main characters met in real life.

Horikawa said the movie is essentially about the friendship between soccer players. It also tells a story many Japanese people don't know about.

"That meeting became the foundation of the 2002 World Cup in Korea and Japan," he said.

In return for filming access, U.S. Army Japan gets a note of appreciation in the film credits and a chance to foster good host-nation relations, said USARJ spokesman Maj. John Amberg.

But before it could be approved, the proposal had to weave through the Army's office that oversees movie depictions: the Office of the Chief of Public Affairs-Los Angeles.

"Any time we can help out our host nation, we welcome the opportunity," Amberg said.

After a long clearance process, the 73 actors, extras, production people and a few adoring fans made their way onto Zama on Monday for filming. Girls swooned over movie star Hideaki Ito, who played Japanese soccer player Takase Kazuhiko.

South Korean actor Lee Jee-hoon played soccer player Ahn Jung-hwan, Horikawa said.

The Japanese film is expected to air on Fuji TV in the fall.

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## Misawa to host 12-hour team marathon

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — Misawa's Top 3 Organization will hold a 12-hour marathon Saturday on the Edgemoor High School track. The run starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Cost is \$100 per team, or 10,000 yen. The goal for each team is to complete the most miles as possible within the 12 hours.

Prizes are to go to the first-, second- and third-place teams. Proceeds will go to the F-16 renovation project.

Call Senior Master Sgt. Alan Onufrak at DSN: 226-6303 for more information.

## Zama high school to start Aug. 30

The first day of school for students attending Zama American High School on Camp Zama, Japan, is Aug. 30. School is to begin at 7:25 a.m.; all students should pick up their class schedules at the gymnasium on the first day. Any students arriving after Aug. 30 can pick up their schedules at the main office.

New student orientation for grades 7-12 at the school will be Aug. 27 in the high school auditorium. The orientation for grade 7 is at 11 a.m., grade 8 at 12 p.m. and grades 9-12 at 1 p.m.

## Tax course offered at Yokosuka next month

Unifile Services Limited is offering a distance-learning H&R Block Income Tax Course starting in September at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan. An instructor on Okinawa will teach the course via phone, fax or e-mail. The classes will consist of four sessions that begin in September and end in December.

This tax course consists of an orientation, textbook reviews, midterm, final exams and computer training, in preparation to receive clients in January 2005.

Registration deadline is Aug. 27. Contact the Unifile Services Limited Main Office on Okinawa at 098-935-4781/4 or unfile@ryucom.ne.jp for more information.

## Yokosuka DJ night coming

Club Alliance at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, is having a DJ night on Aug. 28. Disc jockey EZ Rock will be spinning and giving demonstrations throughout the evening. A base-wide DJ contest will be held, with the grand prize winner to be crowned the 2004 Top Yokosuka DJ. Prizes also will be handed out to the first-, second- and third-prize winners.

To enter the contest, submit your entry form to the Entertainment Office by Friday. Contact Club Alliance at DSN: 243-5951 for more information.

## Reggae festival coming to Ikego

The second annual Ikego Community Reggae Festival will be Aug. 28 at the Ikego Housing area. The festival is to run from 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ball Field No. 3 by the running track. Planned are Caribbean food, live music by King Kong Paradise and games for adults and children, such as limbo lines and dreadlock dashes. In case of rain, the festival will be Aug. 29.

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Airman Terry Ramdeholl, 35th Communications Squadron, fills his plate with onion rings and fries in the newly renovated Grissom Dining Facility at Misawa Air Base, Japan. Following a \$614,000 renovation project to its food service area, the facility added a buffet-style, self-service concept and an à la carte pricing system. Multiple stations are scattered throughout the facility, such as a carving station, a cook-to-order pizza shop, an ice cream parlor and a four-choice soup station.

## Special pays likely to increase in '05

Boosts to FSA, IDP, other incentives sought by House, Senate

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — In addition to the guaranteed 3.5 percent basic pay raise and elimination of out-of-pocket expenses for housing, the Pentagon is banking on lawmakers approving additional pay and benefits for U.S. servicemembers.

Troops could see a permanent boost to the Family Separation Allowance and an increase in Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay; those overseas could get a lump-sum payout for nonrecurrent expenses such as the television tax in England.

The raise and housing expenses relief became certain Aug. 5 when the president signed the \$417.5 billion 2005 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, which funds the Pentagon's core programs and operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

But the Defense bill is approved by Congress and signed by the president in two portions: the Appropriations Act, which allocates money, and the Authorization Act, which gives the Pentagon the authority to spend it.

Both houses of Congress work on their own versions of the two, and lawmakers will begin haggling over differences in the Authorization bills after Labor Day.

Meantime, Defense compensation experts have listed some measures in the "highly likely" category: provisions included in both houses' Authorization bills, but which still must pass the full Congress and be signed by the president.

They include a permanent in-

*Compensations  
officials also are  
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crease in the FSA from \$100 to \$250 a month, no matter if separation takes a family member away from home for 30 days or more to a stateside training facility or to the combat zone, said Air Force Col. Virginia Penrod, director of Military Compensation.

Pentagon budget officials opposed the FSA increase and sought instead to boost the Hardship Duty Pay that would compensate everyone deployed to war zones, whether married or single, Penrod said.

They are seeking an HDP boost from a maximum \$300 a month to \$750 a month. That request is in the "possible" column as it appears in the House version but not the Senate, Penrod said.

Compensations officials also are fairly sure troops eligible to get Hostile Fire/Imminent Danger Pay will see an increase from \$150 to \$225 a month.

For those living overseas who have to pay incidental costs up-front, such as a television tax and

car tax in England, compensation officials want to provide COLA payments upfront to cover those nonrecurrent expenses, instead of reimbursing troops for those up-front expenses little by little over months, she said.

Also fairly certain to be cleared in passage is upwards of a \$60,000 bonus to attract Reserve officers into critical skill areas.

The compensation officials wish list of "possible" incentives includes money to let any hospitalized servicemember continue to collect the Basic Allowance for Substance and forgo paying the daily \$8.10 for hospital meals, in essence double-dipping.

Before an outcry from lawmakers that led to changes, troops wounded or who became ill, even while fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan, for example, had to pay \$8.10 a day for meals while recuperating at military hospitals if they were collecting the BAS.

Also in the House version is a \$250 allotment per member to buy civilian clothes if he or she is medically evacuated from combat zones. Troops have often landed in the United States with nothing more than a hospital robe, Penrod said.

The House version also includes a provision to let servicemembers take up to three months' advance of basic pay when deploying to a combat zone, and defers repayment of that advance until they return.

The Senate version has a clause that would increase the death gratuity each year by the same percentage amount as the basic pay raise. Last year, the Pentagon doubled the gratuity to \$12,000.

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## Condition of Shalikashvili is upgraded

The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Washington — The condition of retired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, who chaired the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the Clinton administration, has been upgraded from guarded to serious but stable.

Madigan Army Medical Center spokesman Mike Meines said Monday the change indicates Shalikashvili's condition has improved.

He said he was barred by privacy rules from providing further details.

Shalikashvili, 68, was hospitalized Aug. 7. Friends have said he suffered a brain hemorrhage.

Shalikashvili spoke at the Democratic National Convention in July, endorsing John Kerry for president.

## Visit from Vina



JOSHUA MILLAGE/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Pop singer Vina Morales entertains hundreds of fans at Club Trilogi, the enlisted club at Atsugi Naval Air Station, Japan. During a whirlwind tour of Japan, the popular Filipino singer took time to play an all-hands show at Atsugi on Friday.

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# iraqi delegation presents peace proposal in najaf

## Baghdad mortar attack kills seven, wounds 47

BY JAMIE TARABAY  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An Iraqi peace delegation sent by a national conference in Baghdad arrived in Najaf by helicopter on Tuesday to present radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr with a peace plan aimed at ending a violent insurgency wracking the holy city.

Later Tuesday, the three-day Baghdad conference was extended for a fourth day to give the delegates more time to choose a national council to act as a watchdog over the interim government, conference chair Foad Masoud said.

Despite the delegation's arrival in Najaf, fighting intensified in the holy city with a U.S. warplane dropping a bomb in the city's sprawling cemetery, site of recent clashes between U.S. forces and Shiite militants.

U.S. Marine Maj. Thomas V. Johnson said the military fired "one precision guided missile on a building in the cemetery where Muqtada militiamen with RPGs were attacking U.S. soldiers."

Explosions and gunfire shook the streets throughout the day and U.S. troops entered the Old City neighborhood, where al-Sadr's

Mahdi Army was based. The clashes Tuesday killed three people and wounded 15, all civilians, according to rescue worker Sadiq al-Shaibany.

Two of the civilians were killed when gunfire hit the office of the Badr Brigades, the militant wing of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, a Shiite political group which is not involved in the fighting, according to Ridaa Taqi, a SCIRI official.

In Baghdad, a mortar round hit a busy street several miles from the National Conference, killing seven people and injuring 47 others, officials said.

The mortar did not appear to be aimed at the conference but rather was a routine attack intended "to create chaos in the country," said Sabah Kadhim, Interior Ministry spokesman.

The conference itself was considered a major target for militants waging a 16-month-old insurgency, and two explosions Tuesday afternoon shook the convention center where it was being held, the U.S. military said.

A soldier and a civilian security guard were slightly injured, the military said. The source of the blasts was unclear.

Al-Sadr aide Ali al-Yassiri, who said he came to the conference to talk to U.N. officials about the Najaf violence, said he also was slightly injured in the blast. Al-Sadr's followers have said they were boycotting the gathering, though several members of his movement have been seen there in recent days.

Fighting between the two sides has spread to other parts of Iraq, including the capital.

The U.S. Army said Tuesday that assassins ambushed U.S. troops with rocket-propelled grenades and bombs in a series of attacks in east Baghdad on Monday, killing one U.S. soldier and wounding several others.

The peace proposal was cobbled together by delegates at Iraq's National Conference, which was initially scheduled to end Tuesday.

Al-Sadr aides said they welcomed the mission, but not the peace proposal.

"The demands of the [National Conference] committee are impossible. The shrine compound must be in the hands of the religious authorities. They are asking us to leave Najaf while we are the sons of Najaf," said al-Sadr aide Sheikh Ali Smeism.



**A U.S. Army sniper holds his position Tuesday in a building close to the cemetery in the besieged holy city of Najaf, Iraq. The deadly showdown in Najaf has dominated Iraq's national conference, with 60 delegates sent to persuade a radical Shiite cleric to call off his fighters.**

# Army to withhold 15 percent from Halliburton payments

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The U.S. Army will begin withholding 15 percent of its payments on Halliburton Co.'s future invoices for logistical support of troops in Iraq and Kuwait, the oil services conglomerate said Tuesday.

Halliburton reversed its announcement Monday that the Army Materiel Command had given the company more time to explain and account for its costs before implementing a clause in a contract allowing withholding of payments. Halliburton said that on Monday the company understood that the extension, which expired Sunday, would remain in effect "based on clear oral assurances from senior Pentagon representatives."

Halliburton said Tuesday the company had learned that the Army Materiel Command had refused to grant a third extension before implementing the clause, which allows the government to withhold 15 percent of payments until contractors prove their costs.

Linda Theis, a spokeswoman for the Army Field Support Command in Rock Island, Ill., didn't immediately return a call for comment Tuesday.

Halliburton has been awarded more than \$6 billion in contracts related to the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, but the company has been under fire for allegedly overcharging the government. Halliburton says it is a political target, denies wrongdoing and disputes whether the withholding is legally justified.

The Army Materiel Command "feels this is a stan-

dard part of the contract and this is not being imposed as a penalty or lack of progress" on substantiating costs, spokeswoman Wendy Hall said in an e-mail message.

The withholding affects Halliburton's LOGCAP III contract with the Army to provide logistical support for troops — meal service, laundry, mail and housing.

Halliburton said KBR, its engineering and construction arm, will perform much of its government contract work, will offset the loss by withholding 15 percent from payments to subcontractors.

"At the end of the day, we do not expect this will have a significant or sustained impact on liquidity," Halliburton finance chief Chris Gault said.

Halliburton similarly disputes withholding of 15 percent of payments on its contracts with the Army Corps of Engineers to fight oil well fires and rebuild Iraq's oil infrastructure.

The company said Tuesday it expects to ask for a "judicial determination" on whether the withholdings apply to the contracts.

Hall said it "hasn't been determined" where or with whom the claim will be filed.

"Halliburton is confident that the government action is not justified and expects that its legal arguments will be upheld in litigation," the company said.

Halliburton shares fell 98 cents, or 3.5 percent, to \$26.81 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

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**Chris Gault**

Halliburton finance chief

## Guantanamo detainee takes case before panel

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A U.S. military review panel on Monday heard the case of a Guantanamo prisoner accused of training with a militant Islamic group, officials said.

The man, whose name and nationality were not released, has been held at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for about two years, said military spokeswoman, Navy Cmdr. Becci Brenton.

The man did not call any witnesses. Details of the detainee's testimony weren't available, nor was the recommendation of the three-member tribunal. There were no journalists present.

The U.S. military claims the 28-year-old detainee who went before the tribunal members on Monday received training from Lashkar-e-Taiba, a militant Pakistani group that wants to force India out of the disputed Kashmir region, Brenton said. The group also facilitates the movement of senior al-Qaida members, Brenton said.

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# Strikeforce steered clear of danger

## Drivers 'take care' of leaders while on the road in Iraq

BY SETH ROBSON

Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — The 8th Army boxing champion and three tough bombes share the responsibility of keeping 2nd Infantry Division leaders safe on the roads of Iraq during a year-long deployment.

The four are drivers with the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, and work for brigade commander Col. Gary S. Patton; deputy commander Lt. Col. Thomas Graves, executive officer Lt. Col. Bob Bialek; and Brigade Sgt. Maj. Marvell Dean.

All are expert infantrymen and double as bodyguards for the leaders in Strikeforce.

Dean's driver, Sgt. James Coombs, is one of the largest men in the brigade and the 8th Army boxing champion. Spc. Rigoberto Tovar, who drives for the deputy commander, competed in the Golden Gloves amateur boxing competition.

Before he left South Korea, Coombs promised all 2nd ID sergeants major that Dean would come home safely, he said.

The other drivers are just as determined to do the same for the leaders they protect, they said.

The group rates itself as the best and safest wheeled in the brigade.

"We can go anywhere,"

Coombs said. "Between us, we have probably got 50,000 accident-free miles in Korea. You know how dangerous the roads in Korea can be."

The drivers are proud to point out that their jobs involve more than just driving and acting as bodyguards.

Sgt. Ray Gonzales, an accomplished dancer, has helped take care of Bialek's children and pets, picked up dry cleaning and sold Girl Scout cookies as part of his job.

"People think you just drive, but we have to take care of them (the leaders) first before we can take care of our own stuff," said Sgt. Ray Ramos, who drives for Patton.

Drivers have to be trustworthy, Coombs said.

"Sergeant Major Dean is involved in the Sergeant Majors' Association. We had a Christmas card sale, and I had to distribute and collect the money for all the cards. I had about \$20,000 in cash go through my hands," he said.

The group also gets to see a different side to the brigade leaders that front-line soldiers don't, they said.

Coombs' work with the association has exposed him to the lighter side of sergeant majors, he said.

"They are known for making spot corrections and being in people's butts constantly. I get to see them when they let their hair



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Strikeforce driver Spc. Rigoberto Tovar, left, aims to bring back his leader, Lt. Col. Thomas Graves, safely home from Iraq. Drivers say their jobs involve more than just driving and acting as bodyguards.

down. When they have a farewell they cut loose. They are people too," he said.

The drivers rate Dean the hardest taskmaster of the brigade leaders.

"When it comes to paperwork, this dude is so meticulous it is ridiculous. He thinks of every little detail," Coombs said.

Bialek likes to get an answer to his questions immediately, Gonzales said.

"He says, 'cricket, cricket' if people don't answer his questions right away," he said.

Graves is a fitness fanatic, said Tovar, the newest on the job.

"He's always running 10 miles, swimming five miles and riding his bike another 10 miles. He always says [physical training] is not enough," he said.

Patton likes to make sure things get done right, Ramos said.

The small band of drivers find themselves always together, working or waiting for the next assignment. Back in South Korea they drank together at the Pan-Korea club in Tongducheon. The three Hispanic drivers, all

members of La Gente, a Hispanic fraternity, are teaching Coombs about Mexican culture, they said.

On a typical day in Kuwait, where the Strikeforce is preparing for its Iraq mission, the drivers could find themselves running errands for their boss around Camp Buehring or headed to Port Shu'aiba to check on the movement of equipment.

They know that more dangerous challenges await them in Iraq but remain determined to make sure their leaders return safely.

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## U.S.-brokered cease-fire stops deadly fighting in Afghanistan

BY AMIR SHAH

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — America's ambassador helped broker a cease-fire Tuesday to halt Afghanistan's latest bloody infighting, persuading a warlord to pull away from a provincial capital as U.S. warplanes circled overhead.

The deal halted fighting that had left many dead and rebel fighters within 20 miles of the key western city of Herat, said U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad. He said the death toll had risen significantly from the 25 killed as of Monday, but he would not give any specific figures.

Factional violence has flared across Afghanistan this year, undermining Afghan and American claims of growing security and stability more than two years after the fall of the Taliban.

The latest violence also could deepen ethnic tension ahead of the Oct. 9 presidential vote, and is an unwelcome distraction for the U.S. military battling insurgents. Amanullah, a commander whose militiamen have battered troops loyal to the governor of Herat province, said Tuesday that he had retreated from positions overlooking Herat city after the cease-fire deal.

A spokesman for Gov. Ismail

Khan said the Afghan government's new U.S.-trained army then inserted a buffer force north of a contested air base to keep the sides apart.

"We expect everyone to cooperate for the sake of Afghanistan and for their own future," Khalilzad told reporters in Kabul after speaking to the two protagonists in a round of telephone diplomacy.

Earlier on Tuesday, Amanullah's ethnic Pashtun fighters pushed to within 20 miles of the provincial capital, raising the specter of urban warfare.

Amanullah swears allegiance to the central government. But Hamid Karzai, a fellow Pashtun who has also clashed repeatedly with Khan, condemned his action and the U.S. official warned against any further advance.

"I've made it clear our expectations of people," Khalilzad said when asked if he had threatened to use force. "I would like to leave it at that."

Residents and officials in Herat said U.S. warplanes patrolled over the shifting front lines on Tuesday.

Militia commanders on both sides claimed that bombs were dropped — always on their opponents. U.S. military officials in Kabul did not respond to requests for comment.



# Staff sergeant in a war zone twice by 24

## Ex-child soldier in the Bosnian army becomes U.S. Army leader

BY JASON CHUDY  
Stars and Stripes

Everything about Staff Sgt. Adin Salkanovic says soldier.

His clear, deliberate speech, close-cropped hair and serious demeanor give him an air of authority usually reserved for those with a lifetime of military experience, not five years of U.S. Army service.

Those five years don't tell the whole story, though.

When he was only 14, Salkanovic spent a year in the Bosnian army, fighting Serbian forces that surrounded his hometown of Sarajevo for 3½ years between 1992 and 1995.

"I volunteered many times but because of my age they said, 'no,'" said Salkanovic, 24, who now serves as a scout with Troop F, 9th Cavalry, in Baghdad. "But I kept volunteering. I was one of those guys who wanted to see some action."

Finally, the army relented and Salkanovic became a soldier, first proving himself by working with radios or carrying ammunition. After a few months he moved to the front lines, which were less than 1½ miles from his home.

"It was World War I-style fighting, trench warfare," he said. "There were a lot of mortar attacks, howitzers and tanks—a lot of armor got involved. Both sides took a lot of casualties from the minefields and snipers."

After about a year of fighting, Salkanovic's father was wounded in battle.

"I kind of quit after my dad was injured," he said. "I had to take care of my family."

Salkanovic was the middle of three children and the oldest son. He ran the household for two years until the family emigrated to the United States in 1995 to get medical help for his sister, who had a severe case of scoliosis.

Salkanovic's family settled in San Jose, Calif., and while his sister received medical treatment, he attended school.

"I was lost for three months," he said. Neither he nor his siblings spoke English. "I would guess what they were saying from one or two words and piece it together. After three months we all kind of felt comfortable speaking English."

Once his sister's two surgeries were complete, Salkanovic's fami-



ENES DULAMI/Stars and Stripes

**Staff Sgt. Adin Salkanovic talks about his year as a child soldier in the Bosnian army. When he was 14, Salkanovic fought Serb forces that surrounded his hometown of Sarajevo, quitting only after his father was wounded in action. He joined the U.S. Army after settling in California.**

ly decided to move back to Sarajevo, then part of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 1997.

"I told my dad I wasn't going to stay," Salkanovic said. He returned to San Jose, working construction jobs until he finished high school.

"As soon as I got my high school diploma I joined the

Army," he said. "I thought I would enjoy it."

He said the Army gave him no special consideration for his time as a child soldier. He still had to go through basic training.

And he found the U.S. Army quite different from the Bosnian army.

"As far as training, discipline

and equipment ... you can't compare it," he said. The Bosnian army "was a regular army, just lacking in uniformity. Every battalion had their own uniform and standards."

In 2001, he was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry, deploying twice to Kuwait right before and right after Sept. 11, 2001. When Troop F was created, Salkanovic joined the unit, which is now deployed to Camp Grey Wolf in the International Zone.

Salkanovic's history as a child soldier followed him into the unit, but he doesn't tell many war stories.

"He doesn't talk about it unless you ask," said Troop F 1st Sgt. Kirby Carter. "Guys who've seen bad stuff don't talk about it. If they talk about it, they've usually had to embellish it."

Carter said that Salkanovic's squad has seen some serious combat in its nearly six months in Iraq.

Shortly after its arrival, the squad fought through a 4½-mile long coordinated ambush in Abu Ghraib and manned the Baghdad International Airport perimeter when it came under attack, later clearing the buildings that had housed the enemy fighters.

"It just clicked over the first time we got engaged," said Salkanovic about returning to combat. "It's just like riding a bicycle."

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## IN THE STATES

## Rumsfeld urges caution on intel reform

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld struck a cautious tone Tuesday on the need for a national intelligence director, saying any changes should not create new barriers between war fighters and agencies that collect intelligence.

As the Senate Armed Services Committee considered intelligence reform, acting CIA Director John McLaughlin also said he personally would support legislation he proposed the national intelligence director the authority to control the foreign intelligence elements of a national intelligence budget believed to be in the \$40 billion range.

That would give the proposed director-in-charge spending control over huge swaths of the country's intelligence network, including the State Department's National Security Agency and National Reconnaissance Office, even though Congress ultimately would decide the figure in the absence of a presidential veto.

Added budgetary powers, which the White House is considering, has sparked extensive debate.

Rumsfeld told the panel that consolidating defense intelligence agencies under a new director — outside the Defense Department — “could conceivably lead to some efficiencies in some aspects of intelligence collection” and “some modest but indefinable improvement.”

But officials must be certain that such changes do not create new problems for intelligence agencies within the Defense Department, he said. “We would not want to place new barriers or filters between military combatant commanders and those agencies when they perform as combat-support agencies,” Rumsfeld said.

The Sept. 11 commission's report suggested that Congress create an intelligence director of near-Cabinet rank to coordinate all 15 of the government's intelligence agencies, ensuring that they work with each other and share intelligence.

Amid a growing clamor for change during Congress's August recess, the committee's chairman also urged caution.

“As we examine ways to reform our intelligence community, we must be sure we do nothing to undermine the confidence of the battlefield commanders in the intelligence support on which they must depend,” said Sen. John Warner.

The Virginia Republican suggested expanding the powers of the CIA director, who also oversees the 14 other agencies in the intelligence community, or giving the CIA director the title of national intelligence director.

Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Intelligence Committee, revealed Monday he has drafted legislation that would give the new intelligence chief the budget authority and hiring and firing power that the White House so far has not committed on.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Tuesday that President Bush has ruled nothing out, including budget power.

But the Pentagon currently controls most of the large intelligence agencies: the National Security Agency, which intercepts electronic communications; the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates spy satellites; and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, which analyzes satellite pictures.

The Defense Department also controls roughly 80 percent of the money spent on intelligence, a classified figure estimated at \$40 billion annually.

Former defense secretaries told senators Monday that the Pentagon's intelligence agencies ought to be left alone, highlighting the turf battles that may occur.

But Roberts said his committee is working on a draft bill that would be close to the Sept. 11 commission's suggestion of a powerful director. Congressional aides said the committee draft has a National Counterterrorism Center and a national intelligence director with the power to hire and fire intelligence personnel, as well as set budgets for the 15 agencies.

## Relief funds now arriving in Florida

## Hurricane Charley death toll rises to 19

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON

The Associated Press

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — Federal disaster assistance money started flowing to Hurricane Charley's victims and postal workers handed out mail Tuesday outside their damaged building, but hundreds of thousands still had no phones, no running water, no diapers for the baby and no gas to fill the tank.

“I haven't had a hot meal in days, but I'm doing all right,” said 82-year-old Norma Chapman, who drove to a half-demolished strip mall in Punta Gorda Tuesday to pick up six bags of ice. She was still without any electricity or running water.

Federal Emergency Management Agency director Mike Brown visited Punta Gorda on Tuesday and said \$2 million in payments already had been issued to victims, with more on the way. He said the agency had received 23,500 applications seeking relief, including 13,000 on Monday alone.

Officials estimate Charley caused as much as \$11 billion in damage to insured homes alone when it tore across the state Friday.

“We have just started the recovery process of Hurricane Charley,” Brown said. He said FEMA was making preparations to house up to 10,000 people in temporary shelters, calling the relief effort “a textbook operation.”

There were other small signs of progress Tuesday.

At 7:45 a.m., the U.S. flag was raised at the heavily damaged main Post Office in Punta Gorda as 60 employees said the Federal Emergency Management Agency had then, they were out work for the first time since Charley struck on Friday.

“We're back in business,” declared Postmaster Doug Burns.

The building's front windows and sliding glass doors were blown out, sections of the roof were missing and insulation from a nearby business was plastered across rent-



Michelle Delgado, center, and other volunteers prepare boxes of donated items before loading them on a truck Monday in Pembroke Pines, Fla., bound for victims of Hurricane Charley. Federal disaster assistance funds began arriving for victims on Tuesday.

al mail boxes. Since people could not get to the boxes, Postal Service employees handed out mail in a drive-through operation.

Attorney General Charlie Crist filed price gouging and unfair trade practices complaints Tuesday against two motels, accusing them of jacking up room rates. One advertised \$399 a night on a billboard but asked for \$109 and \$119 a night, Crist said.

“It is unthinkable that anyone that anyone would try to take advantage of neighbors at a time like this,” Crist said. More than 100 state investigators were in the field, and most of the initial complaints are about lodging rates.

Gov. Jeb Bush, touring hard-hit central Florida communities, asked the public to be patient.

“No one is suggesting this is easy,” Bush said. “There are difficulties, but if people have a little bit of perspective those services are going to be restored real soon.”

About 640,000 people remained without power Tuesday, state officials said, estimating it could take weeks to get electricity fully restored. At least 150,000 were without local phone service.

Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte were among the hardest-hit areas, and 25 of Florida's 67 counties were designated federal disaster areas.

Early Tuesday, state emergency management spokeswoman Tameka Forbes said the death toll had been raised from 18 to 19, but no further details on the new reported deaths were immediately released. Earlier, Charley killed four people in Cuba and one in Jamaica.

A woman who arrived at a temporary medical center while Brown was touring the facility later died of cardiac arrest, but John Caprio, team commander of the medical unit, said it was not immediately clear if her death was related to the storm.

Brown earlier had said it could take several weeks to find all the victims, and officials still had no count Monday of how many people remained unaccounted for, a mission complicated by toppled power lines, spotty phone communication and roads littered with debris. However, early estimates of hundreds of people missing are probably inflated.

## Saudis quote 9/11 report in U.S. radio ads

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stung by criticism about its role in fighting terrorism, Saudi Arabia has launched a radio advertising campaign in Portland, Maine, and 18 other cities citing the Sept. 11 commission report as proof that it has been a loyal ally in the fight against al-Qaida.

The two advertisements quote the commission's conclusion that the Saudi government did not fund al-Qaida. One ad cites the report's finding that Saudi Arabia stopped a 1998 plot to attack U.S. troops; the other cites a finding that Saudis were not flown out of the United States right after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The ads don't address commission criticism of Saudi Arabia, which the report called “a problematic ally in combating Islamic extremism.” It said Saudi-funded Islamic schools have been exploited by extremists and, while Saudi cooperation against terror improved after the Sept. 11 attacks, “significant problems remained.”

A congressional inquiry into the attacks triggered questions about whether the Saudi royal family funded the hijackers.

More recently, Saudi Arabia has become an issue in the U.S. presidential campaign. Democratic candidate John Kerry has repeatedly questioned Saudi Arabia's commitment to fighting terrorism and accused President Bush of not pressing the issue.

In the documentary “Fahrenheit 9/11,” filmmaker Michael Moore claims the Bush administration helped Saudi princes and members of bin Laden's family flee the United States while American airspace was closed to commercial traffic in the aftermath of the attacks.

The commission found there was no evidence of Saudi flights before national airspace reopened on Sept. 13, 2001 and no evidence of political interference.

It also found “no evidence that the Saudi government as an institution or senior Saudi officials individually funded” al-Qaida.

A Saudi spokesman, Nail al-Jubeir, said al-Jubeir said the ads tell Americans “these are the facts that your own independent commission has said about Saudi Arabia. You make up your mind.”



# Republicans pushing to oust N.J.'s governor

BY JOHN P. MCALPIN  
The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Republican Party leaders hope to ratchet up the pressure on Gov. James E. McGreevey to leave office before a self-imposed November deadline by taking their case to the public.

Republican businessman Doug Forrester, the party's unsuccessful choice in the 2002 race for U.S. Senate, announced plans to air a series of radio and television commercials, telling voters the state needs a change in leadership.

In a commercial to be shown on cable television, a voice-over announcer suggests the state needs an elected lieutenant governor, as viewers see images of McGreevey with Democratic state Sen. Richard Codey, the man who as Senate president is to finish the balance of McGreevey's term.

"It is important that we focus on the serious issue of good government," said Forrester, who is one of several possible GOP candidates for a potential special election.

Appealing directly to the public marks a shift in GOP strategy from exploring legal approaches for ousting McGreevey, said the party's chairman, state Sen. Joseph Kryllios.

McGreevey ended the state's political landscape Thursday by saying that he had engaged in an extramarital affair with a man and

announcing he would resign his office, effective Nov. 15.

If he stays in office beyond Sept. 3, McGreevey staves off the need for a special election for the remainder of his term, which expires in January 2006.

A spokeswoman for the governor, Ellen Melloy, denied the timing of the resignation had anything to do with the window for a special election.

McGreevey, making his first public comments since disclosing his homosexuality, defended his record and the effective date of his resignation in an opinion piece that appeared in Tuesday's USA Today.

Under the headline "Duty trumps personal issues," McGreevey credits his administration with bolstering the state's economy, reforming its troubled auto insurance market, improving the quality of life for residents and making New Jersey a leader in stem-cell research.

McGreevey refers only generally to the reason for his resignation, calling it personal and a decision that was not easy "but one that was in the best interests of my family and the state that I humbly serve."

He also defended his departure date, saying it would provide for a more orderly transition than if he resigned now, when the state is on high alert for terrorism, a situation heightened by the upcoming Republican National Convention in New York.



New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey, center, is escorted to his car Monday as he leaves the Statehouse in Trenton, N.J. Republicans looking to force McGreevey from office continued their public campaign for a special election Monday as Democratic leaders talked privately about the plans to deal with the governor's sex scandal.

McGreevey's words appear under a USA Today editorial that argues the governor resigned more out of political calculation than bravery. "If McGreevey wants to show some real political courage, he'd quit now," it said.

While the GOP wants to push the governor out the door, some Democrats also hope McGreevey will leave early to avoid dragging out details of his sex life. State Democrats are looking to U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine to run if McGreevey

does leave. But national party leaders are urging Corzine to stay in the Senate, and Corzine has indicated he is not looking to replace McGreevey.

Most Democrats, however, are telling party leaders they are sticking with McGreevey, said Assemblyman Joe Cryan, the state party vice chairman.

Voters apparently disagree.

In a Fairleigh Dickinson University PublicMind poll released Monday, 41 percent of those surveyed said they thought Nov. 15 was the right date for McGreevey to leave office. However, 48 percent said he should have resigned immediately. The poll — of 500 registered voters that was conducted Friday, Saturday and Sunday — had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

Also Monday, two lawyers filed a federal lawsuit seeking to force a special election, arguing that McGreevey has declared "he is unable to govern and to continue to carry out the duties of his office and that he could no longer continue in office due to threats of blackmail and extortion."

Two sources close to McGreevey — a high-ranking administration member and a senior political adviser — have identified an Israeli, Golan Cipel, as the man McGreevey married. Cipel worked on McGreevey's 2001 campaign, then served as a state homeland security adviser and as a special counselor to the governor in 2002.

## Man linked to McGreevey in Israel 'to muster strength'

BY PETER ENAV  
The Associated Press

RISHON LETZION, Israel — A tense and tired Golan Cipel — the Israeli man at the center of New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey's resignation saga — said Tuesday he flew home to Israel to muster strength from his family and would return to the United States soon.

In front of his parents' apartment in an eight-story building in a Tel Aviv suburb, Cipel spoke in public for the first time since McGreevey resigned last week.

He refused to answer questions, pointing to legal restrictions.

Later, in a written statement, Cipel vowed to return to the United States to "make sure justice comes to light."

McGreevey resigned last week after announcing he is gay and

had an extramarital affair with a man. Sources close to McGreevey identified the man as Cipel and said the Israeli demanded millions of dollars to keep quiet.

Cipel, 35, told an Israeli newspaper that he is straight, but that the governor, his former boss, repeatedly made unwanted sexual advances — a claim denied by McGreevey's aides.

Cipel met briefly with reporters Tuesday afternoon in front of his parents' home in Rishon Letzion, a city south of Tel Aviv.

Speaking in Hebrew, he said: "I have had a very difficult time.



Cipel

Cipel declined to answer reporters' questions, but later released the statement saying, "Sexual harassment is a very difficult thing and those who haven't been through it don't understand how difficult it can be."

The statement went on, "I came to Israel to muster strength with my family, with my friends... and I intend to return to the United States within a few weeks to make sure justice will come to light."

Sources in McGreevey's administration have said Cipel originally demanded \$50 million but the figure dropped to \$5 million as negotiations progressed.

Cipel told the Israeli daily Yedioth Ahronoth over the weekend that he is McGreevey's "best friend" and will pay if Cipel didn't file a lawsuit. He said the attorneys were discussing various settlements when the governor suddenly resigned.

## School No. 1 and not happy

BY MARK JOHNSON  
The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Beating Harvard or Yale on a list of rankings would ordinarily make administrators at the State University of New York at Albany beam. But not when it wins the nation's No. 1 party school crown.

Albany was ranked seventh in the use of hard liquor and marijuana, ninth in beer drinking and first in "students (almost) never study," helping get Princeton Review's top party school list.

The review's annual "Best 357 Colleges" survey, conducted since 1992, is based on responses from more than 110,000 students at campuses around the country. The review has no affiliation with Princeton University. Party school rankings are not to be taken seriously, and are certainly not reflective of the serious, hardworking students at Albany.

University spokeswoman Lisa James-Goldberry said in a statement.

"If this was a term paper, it would get an 'F' in methodology."

It is the ninth time the University at Albany — a state-run school with an undergraduate enrollment of 12,000 students — has been on the party school list. It was No. 1 in 1998 and No. 14 last year. The University of Colorado at Boulder ranked No. 1 last year.

One recent Albany graduate said the latest ranking wasn't too serious. "It's pretty crazy," said Matt Kazimir, 21, a from

Danbury, Conn. "There's always a party."

Some students say Albany's ranking isn't deserved. "I wouldn't agree it's No. 1," said junior Brian Fessler, 20. "There are certainly a lot of opportunities to party, but it's also a great institution with some top programs. There are great academic opportunities, as well."

Brigham Young University was ranked the top "stone-cold party" school, the survey found. Massachusetts Institute of Technology was the toughest school to get into. The happiest students overall were at Pomona College in Claremont, Calif.

The "party school" category is based on questions focusing on the amount of alcohol and drug consumption, the variety of time students spend studying and the popularity of fraternities and sororities. The American Medical Association has criticized party school listings, saying they legitimize high-risk drinking and portray alcohol as an essential part of student life.

Robert Frankel, lead author for the survey, disagrees and says the survey accurately reflects college life. "It's better or worse — and can be a vehicle for change. Other top 10 party schools were: Washington and Lee University; Lexington, Va., the University of Wisconsin-Madison; West Virginia University; Morgantown; Ohio University; Athens, Fla.; Florida State University, Tallahassee; University of Texas-Austin; University of Georgia, Athens; University of Colorado; and University of Mississippi.

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# Gap grows between haves and have-nots

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Over two decades, the income gap has steadily increased between the richest Americans, who own homes and stocks and got big tax breaks, and those at the middle and bottom of the pay scale, whose paychecks buy less.

The growing disparity is even more pronounced in this recovering economy. Wages are stagnant and the middle class is shuddering a larger tax burden. Prices for health care, housing, tuition, gas and food have soared.

The wealthiest 20 percent of households in 1973 accounted for 44 percent of total U.S. income, according to the Census Bureau. Their share jumped to 50 percent in

2002, while everyone else's fell. For the bottom fifth, the share dropped from 4.2 percent to 3.5 percent.

Jobs and the economy top the list of voter concerns this election year. President Bush touts a strong economy that is growing, but polls find that Americans have doubts and think jobs are scarce. John Kerry is trusted more on the economy, with Democrats talking regularly of "two Americas," divided between the rich and everyone else.

That argument has merit, some private economists say.

"For those working in the bottom half of the pay scale, they're under an enormous amount of pressure," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

New government data also shows that President Bush's tax cuts have shifted the overall tax burden to the middle class from the wealthiest Americans.

The U.S. jobs market is soft, sending wages down. Hiring came to a near standstill last month, with companies adding just 32,000 new jobs overall, stunning economists who had expected seven times as many.

More than a million jobs have been added back to the 2.6 million lost since Bush took office, but they pay less and offer fewer benefits, such as health insurance. The new jobs are concentrated in health care, food services and temporary employment firms, all lower-paying industries. Temp agencies alone account for about a fifth of all new jobs.

The income gap is showing up in booming sales of luxury items.

Porsche Cars North America Inc. says sales are up 17 percent for the year. Strong sales at Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and Saks Fifth Avenue overshadowed lackluster sales at stores such as Wal-Mart, Sears and Payless Shoes.

Economists say wages should rise as companies boost hiring. But the growing gap between the haves and have-nots will remain.

Technology has eliminated many U.S. jobs, as has global competition, particularly from low-wage countries such as China. Highly skilled, educated workers in America will thrive as demand rises, Sohn said, while low-skilled jobs remain vulnerable to outsourcing.

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## FACES 'N' PLACES



Tom Cruise stars as an assassin in the new film "Collateral." Cruise says he was eager to explore what he calls his character's conviction that he's "really just taking out society's garbage."

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# Cruise looks into heart of an assassin for latest role

BY TERRY LAWSON

Knight Ridder Newspapers

Tom Cruise wants to tell you about a film he thinks you should see.

It's directed by Michael Mann, and it costars Jamie Foxx. "The director's cut of 'Ali,'" enthuses Cruise, mounting a detailed argument about why Mann's reconstructed version of his 2001 Muhammad Ali biography, recently released on DVD, is the best movie he's seen all year.

"A lot of times, this 'director's cut' business is just about getting people to buy something they already own. But this is one of those deals where Michael's original vision for that film got compromised along the way, and he had the opportunity to go back and get it exactly right. And it's just so much better."

Not that Cruise isn't excited about "Collateral," his own film with director Mann and costar Foxx, which opened statewide Aug. 6.

It's a thriller about a Los Angeles cab driver, played by Foxx, who is essentially taken hostage by a passenger with an agenda far different than the usual fare's.

Vincent, played by Cruise, is an assassin employed by a drug-trafficking network to take out potential witnesses before indictments are handed up. His assignment must be completed in one night, meaning he needs a wheelchair who not only can get him where he needs to go but who can also keep his wits while fully expecting to be Vincent's final victim.

"Michael and I had known each other since about 1986, when we took this rafting trip together," says Cruise. "We're both into what some people call extreme sports but are actually ways of challenging yourself while having a very good time. I wanted to work with him, though, for the obvious reason: He makes great movies."

Mann also makes movies for leading men willing to play against type: Daniel Day-Lewis in "The Last of the Mohicans," Russell Crowe in "The Insider" and Will Smith in "Ali." Cruise has played his share of men in conflict, and

has not shied away from decidedly nonheroic roles in films such as "Magnolia" and "Rain Man." But he had never played a cold-blooded killer like Vincent.

"I wanted the character to look very different from Tom Cruise," says Mann, who showed his leading man a version of himself on a computer mock-up with a gray brush cut and salt-and-pepper stubble.

"I wanted to rough up the surface appearance and give him a kind of anonymity. [Tom and I] spent months prior to filming building him into a very dynamic, tangible character, none of which is discussed specifically in the movie. But it is in there in everything he does."

Cruise says he was eager to explore what he calls his character's conviction that he's "really just taking out society's garbage." But he also admits he enjoyed not having to spend the final half of the film as his characters often do, "finding redemption."

"From the outside, Vincent is completely comfortable in his skin, with who he is and what he does. And that kind of confidence, coupled with the skill to back it up, will always be attractive to a lot of people. People are always talking about 'keeping it real,' you know, but they always mean what's real for them. Their reality. And your reality and my reality are going to be very different."

Cruise considers what he has just said and laughs at the implication.

"I don't mean it to sound like that, I swear, but I do believe it. A lot of people I've met, maybe the majority, think of themselves as a professional who thinks he has the answers, and who makes a pretty powerful argument that most people only pretend to care more about society than their own personal lives. You don't play evil, because people like Vincent don't see themselves that way. Besides, that sort of self-certainty can be very seductive and convincing. It's like Churchill said about Hitler, he was glad he had never met the man, because he just might have been charmed by him."

Tom Cruise

talking about his character in "Collateral"

begin their interactions with their boss, or a member of the family, with the assumption that they are right. And for that reason, they can rationalize some pretty suspect behavior."

"I played Vincent as a professional who thinks he has the answers, and who makes a pretty powerful argument that most people only pretend to care more about society than their own personal lives. You don't play evil, because people like Vincent don't see themselves that way. Besides, that sort of self-certainty can be very seductive and convincing. It's like Churchill said about Hitler, he was glad he had never met the man, because he just might have been charmed by him."

## Rolling Stone drummer treated for cancer

Rolling Stones drummer Charlie Watts is being treated for throat cancer, a spokesman for the band said Saturday.

Watts, 63, was diagnosed in June and has completed four weeks of a six-week course of radiotherapy at London's Royal Marsden Hospital.

"He is expecting to make a full recovery and start work with the rest of the band later in the year," the spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

He said Watts' treatment had not interfered with any tour or recording plans for the Stones, who have been "relaxing between work commitments" after a world tour last year.

Known as the most laid-back member of the band, he joined more than 40 years ago. Watts also has performed with a variety of jazz ensembles.

## Prince's studio reopened for business

Prince's Paisley Park Studios, where the mysterious pop star and other bands have recorded, has reopened for business.

Paisley Park has largely been closed since 1996, though Prince continued to record and perform there.

A reception marking the studio's reopening Thursday was attended by members of the local film, music, and advertising communities.

"We're essentially hanging the 'open' sign out front tonight," new general manager Ron Scofield said. Paisley Park has newly digitized and upgraded recording and editing rooms available for musicians to rent.

Since the complex opened in 1987 in Minneapolis, R.E.M., George Benson and others recorded there, and Barry Manilow, the Bee Gees and Steve Miller used the studio to rehearse for concert tours.

## Li'l Kim says trial is 'witch hunt'

Rapper Li'l Kim, whose perjury trial is set for early next year in New York, says the charges against her are a "witch hunt against the hip hop industry."

Prosecutors say she lied to a grand jury investigating a 2001 shooting allegedly involving members of her entourage. One man from a rival rap group was injured in the shooting.

Her former manager and co-defendant, Damion Butler, has been indicted for allegedly shooting a weapon during the incident and is serving a prison term on unrelated weapons charges.

Li'l Kim, whose real name is Kimberly Jones, is accused of telling the grand jury that Butler was not present during the 2001 shooting. She is charged with conspiracy, perjury and obstruction.

"I am completely innocent of the charges I have been accused of, and am very confident that my co-defendants and I will win this case in the courtroom," she said in a statement. "This case is a witch hunt against the hip hop industry."

## Dutch princess files for divorce

The Netherlands' Princess Margaritha, who last year aired royal dirty laundry during a fight with her aunt Queen Beatrix, is now divorcing the husband who was at the center of it all.

The spat made headlines in the Netherlands for weeks last summer as a Dutch magazine published a series of tell-all interviews with Margaritha.

She accused the Royal House of abusing its power to obtain confidential information about her husband and damage his reputation. The Royal House denied the charges, but was embarrassed by Margaritha's tales of drinking and philandering by other members of the family.

Margaritha separated from her husband, Edwin de Roy van Zuydevinde, earlier this year.

Dutch national broadcaster NOS said Margaritha now plans to divorce Van Zuydevinde, citing Margaritha's lawyers.

Stories and photos from wire services



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Princess Margaritha











## OPINION

## Missing from the campaign trail: Potholes

By MARY FITZGERALD

The Washington Post

**T**he deputy prime minister pines a man after being pelted with an egg at a party rally. The voters, shaken from their campaign torpor, cheer as the tussle is replayed on TV. That same day, the prime minister is hanged outside a hospital by an angry voter, and his political rival is forced to abandon canvassing after some protesters turn rowdy. An unlikely farce? No — just another day in the 2001 British general election campaign.

By contrast, the U.S. presidential campaign trail is a far more mundane affair, as seen through the eyes of a visiting journalist from the United Kingdom. With everything so carefully stage-managed and relentlessly on-message, very little is left to chance. At each rally, the candidates appear on stage, deliver the standard stump speech with a few local twangings, punch the air and exit stage left to be whisked away to the next city. So far, so formulaic.

Rarely do Sen. John Kerry and President Bush meet "real people" face to face, as opposed to crowds of supporters at meticulously organized rallies of the faithful. And the ever-present phalanx of busy Secret Service agents ensures that anyone with a gripe or an awkward question is kept very much at arm's length. It's all about the flattering but bland TV shot or photo opportunity.

On the Kerry-Edwards campaign trail last week, I was struck by how little the candidates deviated from the same speeches and banalities they've been trundling out

since the Democratic convention, give or take the odd, rather contrived nod to local tastes — such as Kerry's dropping the name of the local pizza joint or ice-cream parlor.

Unscripted, genuinely spontaneous moments are rare — the only one that stands out is Kerry donning a cowboy hat and a guitar for an impromptu performance of "Johnny B. Goode" in Jefferson City, Mo. It's mostly to Texas's Heinz Kerry or the Bush twins to inject color and sass in an otherwise lackluster campaign.

The lack of spontaneity fails to dampen the crowd's enthusiasm, however. Far from it. They laugh uproariously when Kerry gives his well-worn "John Edwards was voted Sexiest Politician by People magazine... I read People magazine" spiel, though they've probably heard it a dozen times.

Many people I spoke to at several rallies were grateful simply to catch a glimpse of "someone who could be president someday," as one woman put it. It's a far cry from the skepticism and suspicion on the campaign trail in the United Kingdom. Anyone pitching a political candidate with the constant refrain "Hope is on the way" would go down like a lead balloon in Belfast.

Political journalists back home complain that it is becoming increasingly difficult to get access to politicians at election time, but compared with the United States it's a piece of cake.

Daily news conferences are the norm in Britain, and Prime Minister Tony Blair has been known to stroll through his campaign plane and have informal chats with the assembled journalists. No such access here.

Take, for example, Edwards canvassing



with Barack Obama at a Chicago diner the day after Alan Keyes announced he was running for the Senate. Much to the reporters' chagrin, they were told that neither Edwards nor Obama would take any questions on the Keyes-Obama race, despite it being one of the big political stories of the day.

News conferences on the presidential campaign trail are rare and, with the Secret Service acting as a buffer zone between politicians and reporters, most interaction is reduced to listening to the stump speech delivered a couple of times by the candidates. That, and consuming the stale language of news releases.

Much has been made of the influence of American-style politics on political parties in Britain, particularly on Blair's Labor Party.

Some commentators there lament the move away from good old-fashioned politicking in favor of slickly choreographed campaigns, spin doctors and focus groups. But as the antics of the 2001 election campaign proved, British politicians and voters can still be relied upon for some rough-and-tumble on the hustings. Heinz Kerry would feel right at home.

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## Playing gay card par for governor's unethical course

By CAL THOMAS

Tribune Media Services

**A**dd "gayness" to patriotism and religion as a final refuge for scoundrels.

In a remarkable announcement last Thursday, Democratic Gov. James McGreevey said he would resign his office after the November general election because pressure associated with his homosexuality would not allow him to effectively do his job.

Despite black political figures have long played the race card to deflect criticism about wrongdoing. Some Republicans have wrapped themselves in the flag or religion for the same reason. Now we have a governor playing the "gay card," garnished with a little religion — a twofold in the self-justification Olympics.

McGreevey is indictable — figuratively and possibly literally — for plenty of things that have nothing to do with his sexual practices or his religion. Corruption was not invented in New Jersey, or by McGreevey, but it has found a bipartisan home there.

Start with McGreevey's reputed "lover," Golan Cipel, who claims he is not gay and was sexually harassed by the governor. McGreevey put him on the state payroll with a six-figure salary to look after home-land security, despite his having no qualifications for the job.

Cipel is an Israeli citizen and does not have the proper security clearances to access classified documents. McGreevey aides say that Cipel tried to get \$50 million as a "cash settlement" from the governor, as well as his approval for a private medical college in the state.

Then there is William D. Watley. He re-

signed as secretary of the Commerce and Economic Growth Commission during an investigation into his former chief of staff and because of a possible conflict of interest surrounding an \$11.5 million government loan (which was ultimately canceled) for construction at the church where Watley is pastor.

Roger Chugh, a McGreevey campaign aide in 2001, was appointed assistant secretary of state but resigned amid accusations that he offered special government treatment to businesses and also threatened businesses in order to raise campaign contributions.

David D'Amiano, a Democratic fund-raiser, is another person connected to McGreevey who's been accused of such practices. He has been indicted on charges that he offered a farmer government fa-

vors in exchange for \$40,000 in campaign contributions.

Both Gary Taffet, McGreevey's chief of staff, and Paul Levinsohn, the governor's chief counsel, resigned, and a federal grand jury is investigating whether their bill-board company benefited financially from their government connections. Taffet has also been charged with insider trading by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

All of this has occurred during a two-and-a-half-year-old administration. But in New Jersey, it's usual business.

Taking religious refuge, McGreevey says he doesn't believe God deliberately keeps people down. He's right. People make their own choices and benefit, or not, based on their decisions.

McGreevey then performed a little theological sleight of hand. He said he believed that "God enables all things to work for the

greater good." That's a reference to Romans 8:28. But McGreevey left out the rest: "to those who have been called according to his purpose."

What about McGreevey's current wife (a former wife left him), who stood beside him and held his hand? We have seen this "stand by your man" tableau before, most recently with Hillary Clinton, but also with Lee Hart (wife of the wanderer Gary Hart) and Elfi Barry (former wife of the former Washington, D.C., mayor Marion Barry).

How sad to see these women trotted out to give their husbands moral cover for their immoral acts. They might as well be saying, "I'd like to thank my wife for standing by me and demeaning herself, because I have been a jerk with little concern for HEK feelings."

New Jersey needs a political exorcism, but in a state run by a Democrat machine, who can effectively play the integrity card?

## Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



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## Leaning to the left

**NE** BROKEN BOW — Cluster County Chief publisher Deb McCaslin admits her newspaper, at least for a week, was leftist.

But not in the way most media critics would presume.

The weekly Chief was printed backward so the front page opened to the left instead of the right as do most periodicals.

McCaslin said the newspaper matched the edition to International Left-hander Day.

"Sometimes, you have to have fun," she said.

In addition to a story on products for left-handers on the shelves of stores in Broken Bow, the newspaper listed famous people who were known to be southpaws.

## Carjacker jailed for life

**RI** PROVIDENCE — The last of five defendants in a case that embodied fears of random violence was sentenced to four consecutive life terms without parole and another 30 years for the murders of two college students who begged for their lives after a carjacking.

A jury found Kenneth Day, 25, guilty on nine counts of murder, robbery, carjacking and conspiracy. His lawyer said he would appeal.

Amy Shute, 21, and Jason Burgeson, 20, were killed in June 2000 after a group of men carjacked their SUV in Providence and drove them to a construction site about five miles away. The men split \$18 in change taken from the couple, and two of them took the SUV.

Day said in court Monday that he was willing to apologize to the victims. "But they don't want to hear that. There is nothing I can do or say."

## The superhero store

**IA** SIOUX CITY — Like a persistent superhero, a comic book store has avenged two close defeats to claim the industry's top prize.

ACME Comics & Collectibles recently captured the 2004 "Spirit of Comics" Retailer Award, given to the industry's best book store of the year.

Owners Kevin and Fran McGarry, who had been a runner-up for the honor for the past two years, are marveling at the accomplishment awarded at the Comic-Con convention in San Diego.

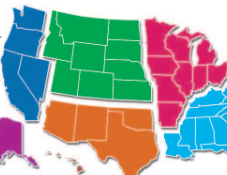
Their small independent store in Sioux City beat out several large chains that operate in bigger metro areas — including Superman and Incredible Hulk.

Their store carries comic books and graphic novels from 79 different publishers, from industry giants Marvel and DC Comics to small independents.

## Can't study for this test

**TX** HOUSTON — Schools across Texas are adding random drug testing and increased locker inspections this year, officials say.

At least three school districts in the Houston area will begin random drug testing this year. One company that provides testing for Texas schools has signed up nearly 30 districts across the state.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Strip clubs on the block

**MA** SPRINGFIELD — City councilors in this western Massachusetts city are scheduled to vote on regulations to ban strip clubs and other adult businesses from residential and some industrial areas. The city planning board has approved the restrictions. The downtown area already has five strip clubs.

### Activists: Plant pollutes

**TX** DUBLIN — The Altamaha River is being polluted by a recycling plant, environmental volunteers say. James Holland, a member of the Altamaha Riverkeeper, sued SP Newsprint for sending plastic trash into the river. The paper company insists it's complying with state pollution standards.

### State all dried up

**NV** RENO — A Las Vegas shopping center is trucking in water from as far away as Canada to fill its fountains. Reno will have to dip into its drought reserve supply for the first time in a decade. The most popular public ramp on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe is closed because there's not enough water to float a boat.

Nevada is not only the fastest

growing state in the nation, it's also one of the driest. And it keeps getting drier.

"There is no question that the state, from Lake Tahoe in northern Nevada to Lake Mead in southern Nevada is in the midst of a difficult drought," Gov. Kenny Guinn said.

Officials with the U.S. Farm Services Agency in Nevada are scheduled to meet to decide whether to recommend a disaster area declaration to the governor and federal Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman. All 17 counties received the designation last year.

Reno has received only 0.24 inches of rain this month and hasn't seen a decent rainfall since June 9. Las Vegas has received 0.2 inches of rain this month, almost half of that in a storm Aug. 1 that tied a rainfall record for the date of 0.09 inches.

### Peak voltage

**NH** MOUNT WASHINGTON — Electricity and fiber-optic communications are coming to the top of Mount Washington, the Northeast's highest peak and site of some of the world's worst weather. Engineers will run the transmission line near the Mount Washington Cog Railway. The transmission line will replace kerosene generators used to power the cog railway and a National Park Service building at the summit.

### Abuse support group

**KS** WICHITA — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Wichita says it will establish an ecumenical support group for victims of sexual abuse by clergy. The diocesan review board has met with The Link-Up, a national advocacy organization for victims of clergy sexual abuse. No timetable has been set for starting the group.

### Abortion notification

**CO** DENVER — Abortion opponents are questioning the effectiveness of a new law requiring doctors to notify a minor's parents before performing an abortion. A provision of the law allows girls to seek a judge's permission to bypass the requirement. Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains has paired 66 girls with attorneys who volunteer for bypass cases. It says none of the girls who decided to go before a judge was denied.

### Boiling water advised

**IN** EVANSVILLE — Residents on the city's west side are being advised to boil their water for the next few days after more than 100 million gallons of water spilled from a broken water main connection. Thousands of residents had no water at all, according to the company that manages the city's water and sewer utility.

### Inmates could lose work

**MT** DEER LODGE — A federal demand for greater scrutiny of truck drivers could affect Montana's effort to train felons for work after their release. Under the Patriot Act, commercial drivers with certain felony convictions are prohibited from transporting hazardous materials. That curbs the employment outlook for some of the 25-30 inmates a year who complete the truck-driver training program at the Montana State Prison.



## Magnificent dives

Members of the Extreme Team Divers for Sacco Shows, Ryan Peschke, top, Jen Busby, middle, and Emily McAuliff synchronize their dives during a show at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, Ill.



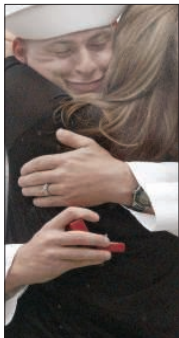
## Surf's up, dude

A surfer hangs on as he rides one of the bigger than normal waves provided by Hurricane Charley at Burkes Beach on Hilton Head Island, S.C.



## Prtrr-feet face

Eniah Afford, 4, wears face paint at Unity Day on the Parkway in Philadelphia.



## I do!

Petty Officer 1st Class Matt Brink holds an engagement ring as he hugs his fiancée, Catherine McLemore, after asking her to marry him, as the USS Leyte Gulf returned to Norfolk, Va.





**Morgan Sickles, 12, of Pewaukee, Wis., shares a moment with her dog, George, a cavalier King Charles spaniel, after they were eliminated by the judge from the Junior Show class at the Marshfield Area Kennel Club Dog Shows at the Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Marshfield, Wis.**

## Tough moment

Junior Show class at the Marshfield Area Kennel Club Dog Shows at the Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Marshfield, Wis.



## All play, no work

Sisters Mary, right, and Grace Ott, from Page County, Va., play a racing video game next to some of their family's cows while killing time at one of the livestock barns at the Prince William County Fair in Manassas, Va.



## One hot meal

Ramon Nava eats a plate of jalapeño peppers during Mexican Fiesta's jalapeño eating contest at the festival grounds in Racine, Wis.

## Skyline scuffle

**VA** MONTEREY — Plans for a large commercial wind farm are drawing complaints from some residents, who say towering windmills would mar the stunning vistas that give Highland County the nickname "Virginia's Switzerland."

Landowner Henry T. McBride and his company, Highland New Wind Development LLC, have asked the county Board of Supervisors for a conditional-use permit to erect as many as 22 wind turbines on 3,000 acres near the West Virginia border. The windmills would be up to 400 feet high.

Board Chairman Robin Sullenberger said the supervisors will have to balance the potential revenues the farm could bring to the cash-strapped locality against the impact on the magnificent vistas that attracts visitors.

## Battle for the Strip

**CA** WEST HOLLYWOOD — The city is placing a velvet rope around the Sunset Strip, trying to control which clubs and eateries use the storied nickname, but some businesses say they're trying to rewrite history.

West Hollywood leaders say the famous moniker should apply solely to a 1.7-mile stretch of Sunset Boulevard within the city's limits.

To stake its claim, the city has hung banners proclaiming "Sunset Strip — Only in West Hollywood" on street lights, and it's considering building a formal "gateway" to West Hollywood along the boulevard.

"It's frustrating when West Hollywood is misidentified," said Brad Burlingame, president of the West Hollywood Convention and Visitors Bureau. "If they said Rodeo Drive is in Los Angeles, people in Beverly Hills would have a fit."

## Home insurer refunding

**TX** AUSTIN — Allstate, the state's second-largest home insurer, will begin issuing refunds totaling \$60 million to Texas policy holders, the company announced.

A Texas Department of Insurance spokesman said the refunds are part of a rate rollback ordered by Commissioner Jose Montemayor last year.

The one-time refund to about 686,000 customers represents 8.75 percent of the premiums paid on home insurance policies with effective dates from Sept. 7, 2003, through Sept. 6, 2004, the company said. Allstate had already issued a 10.1 percent refund last year.

## Screeners arrested

**NY** NEW YORK — Four federal security screeners were charged with stealing watches, jewelry and other property from baggage at two New York City airports, authorities said.

One screener was accused of stealing \$40 in cash, watches and rings from luggage sent by undercover detectives through screening at the American Airlines terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

The other defendants are accused of stealing from bags at La Guardia airport's Continental Airlines terminal in May.

All four screeners worked for the Transportation Security Administration, the agency created

after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. TSA employees are authorized to open bags to search for explosives and banned items.

## Student named to board

**VT** MONTPELIER — A sophomore at Mount Anthony Union High School has been appointed to the state Board of Education.

Lindy Caslin takes up her new duties immediately.

"Lindy was very enthusiastic about serving Vermont as a member of the state Board of Education," Gov. James Douglas said. "She is energetic and engaging, and will take the responsibility of representing all of our students very seriously."

The State Board of Education, which supervises the Vermont Department of Education and many aspects of the public school system, consists of eight adult members and two student members.

Student members are appointed to two-year terms. Marissa Cormier, appointed by Douglas in 2003, is the ranking student on the board. She recently began the second year of her two-year term.

## ID theft charges

**NC** CONCORD — Three people have been charged in an identity theft case in which computers, clothing and luggage were obtained using stolen credit card information taken with a portable card reader.

Police said they had recovered about \$6,000 worth of goods obtained in Concord and the Winston-Salem area.

Authorities believe a portable credit card reader, or skimmer, was used to read personal information off a credit card's magnetic strip. Then those details were applied to the strip on the back of a different card.

Police are still investigating the case from last and have asked for help from the U.S. Secret Service office in Charlotte.

## Animal workers fired

**RI** EAST PROVIDENCE — City Manager William Fazio has fired the city's animal-control officer and the four other employees who staffed the municipal animal shelter, for what he says was a "wilful failure to protect visitors and animals alike from the spread of rabies."

Fazio announced the dismissals after reviewing the results of a three-week police investigation into how and why a rabid raccoon ended up in the city-run shelter, and ended up being petted and touched by more than 50 people.

## Alleged attack stopped

**PA** ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP — A nurse's aide at a personal-care home fought with a man who was allegedly sexually assaulting a wheelchair-bound woman before breaking free and summoning help.

The aide, Mary Briggs, allegedly found Dwight Hill with the 79-year-old woman.

Hill, 44, who lived at the home and worked there as a handyman, was arraigned. He was charged with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault and two counts of simple assault.

Stories and photos from wire services



## New York kisses

David and Nadine Bilotti of New York participate in the "Kiss-In" as their 13-month-old twins Nadine, left, and Ileana look on in New York's Times Square. The event commemorates the legendary lip lock when a sailor and a nurse, sculpture at left, rejoiced over the end of World War II.



# Horoscope

The Libra moon could have you searching for your other half. Whether your focus is love or business, you get the feeling that the right partner could take you all the way with your endeavors. This is partially true, but be sure you're doing all you can on your own — it's the only way to attract the support you need. Your aesthetic sense is important.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(August 19):** You feel passionate about exploring and growing your gifts. Loved ones help you launch into a dream project in the next 10 weeks. Your resources grow as your work does, so make plans of public appearances through January — you have the charismatic power to attract just the people who will make your life more enjoyable.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** As the sign of all things fresh and new, you'll once again be representing the cutting edge. Expect a mixed reaction. Physically, you're at a high. It's the perfect day to try supplements or exercise techniques.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You're not a beast of burden, but when friends and family lay their hands on you, you could mistakenly take it on as your own. The day's lessons include learning to be empathetic without needing to "save" anyone.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21):** You'd rather ring it than plan a soiree event today. You go give a thought to where you'll be five years from now (how boring how impossible what how?). No matter how you protest, the future is based on actions taken today.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22):** You're anxious to find a way around tedious work. Do brain teasers and crossword puzzles (or whatever your mental exercise of choice may be). The experiences around the corner require you to be in fine intellectual shape.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You're going through a growth spurt in your personal life. Small wins help you get back in touch with that sense of

exhilaration you felt as a child when you accomplished something that surprised you — "Hey, Mom, look at me!"

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Social graces help you plot a course to popularity. It's not that you care about being liked, but it's

easier to find your way when friends in all ports are pointing you in the right direction. Plus, you prefer operating in a refined world.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Loved ones depend on you for almost everything, a phenomenon that has you feeling a little put out. Consider that by allowing others to let you do all the thinking, you're making them weak. Let dear ones fend for themselves.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):** The stars act together to double your pleasure (your pain, your money and your inconvenience). Whatever you think will happen happens times two. Planning for unexpected costs is the surest way not to get caught off guard.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You're a skilled risk taker, and your fortune multiplies when you make educated financial leaps. Moral dilemmas arise. You don't have to sell out to achieve what you want — in fact, not selling out is exactly the point.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** The lighter you are — physically, mentally and spiritually — the more gracefully you'll be able to navigate through the tricky turns this day brings. Leave the old baggage behind. All you really need would fit into a tiny pouch.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** When the situation calls for seeing the best in people, you're the one for the job. Others will rise to your opinion of them. You're greeted by smiling faces everywhere you go — because you yourself are wearing a friendly grin.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You're tempted to let your problems consume you. Don't give them that kind of power! In three days, you'll realize you were making mountains out of molehills. You must take time to nourish your spirit.

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Calvin and Hobbes



Jump Start



Zits



Cathy



Hi and Lois



Beetle Bailey



Red and Rover



Better or Worse



Peanuts





Fox trot



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Baby Bites



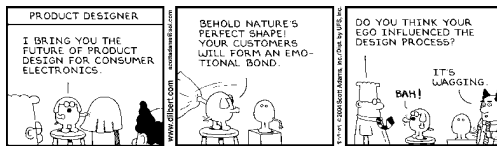
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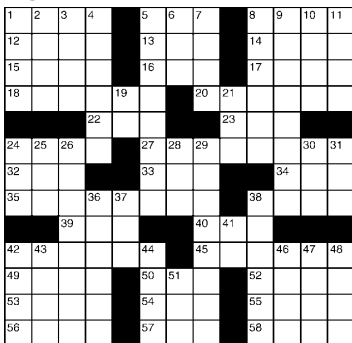
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



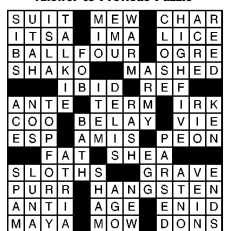
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- 1 In addition  
5 Old Italian bread  
13 Rage  
14 One of HOMES  
15 More than eager  
16 Kathie — Gifford  
17 Cincinnati squad  
18 Human, e.g.  
20 Deacon's superior  
21 Parisian pal  
23 Deviate off course  
24 Kasparov's soldier  
27 Sweet wine from California  
32 Blackbird  
33 Jane Smiley novel  
34 Prune  
35 Nymph who became Ursa Major  
38 Rorschach picture  
39 Fond du —, WI  
40 Buck's mate  
42 Pencil pusher?  
45 Breathe with difficulty  
49 Sewing machine inventor  
50 Foreman foe  
52 Deuce beater  
53 Verve  
54 Hodges of baseball

## Down

- 11 Witty Wonka's creator  
12 Bill's partner  
13 Suitable  
14 He played  
15 Oswald in "JFK"  
16 Boston Pops VIP  
17 John  
18 Raw rock  
19 Refuse to relinquish  
20 Forward pass  
21 Volition  
22 Lends a hand  
23 Whatever's left  
24 Exist  
25 Catcher's place?  
26 Lobbyist org.  
27 Literary collection  
28 Sudden violent wind  
29 Part of NIMBY  
30 Benevolence  
31 Bill's partner  
32 Suitable  
33 Untapped  
34 Bar supply  
35 Scarab  
36 "I see"  
37 Timely  
38 Fashion  
39 "Brockovich"  
40 Zilch  
41 Sight-seers?  
42 Whopper

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

FS VSD CYPRE CYJC J  
TSRJNCIHVN KJFPRU  
TSRE QSKDF WI QJKKIF  
CYI WPU WHSCYIH?  
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SAILOR  
RETALIATES AGAINST SOMEONE, I GUESS  
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT'S AN AYE FOR AN AYE.  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals T



# Searching for paths to recovery

**Dear Abby:** I'm writing concerning the letter from the 15-year-old girl, "Needs Closure in Georgia," whose grandfather committed suicide. You suggested she write a letter to him, and then to burn it.

Another useful technique is to sit opposite an empty chair and speak your heart to the person you need to communicate with. I wasn't getting on with my life after my husband died, and it worked for me.

—Doing Better in Millbrae, Calif.  
**Dear Doing Better:** Thank you for the helpful suggestion. Many readers were touched by that girl's letter and wanted to reach out to her.

**Dear Abby:** When my grand-mother died, my father and his wife planted a small rose garden. Over the years, as we have lost family members (including pets),

additional rose bushes have been added in their honor. It is peaceful and comforting to sit among the blooming roses and think of our loved ones. It feels like they haven't really left us.

—Remembering in Arizona  
**Dear Remembering:** I believe you, after Cary Grant passed away, his widow Barbara gave my mother a rose bush that had been named for her husband. Mama, who had been very fond of both of them, planted it outside her office window — and when the roses were in bloom, it gave her many hours of pleasure.

**Dear Abby:** I found "The Grief Recovery Handbook," by John W. James and Russell Friedman, to be extremely helpful. My grandfather committed suicide more than 25 years ago. I was in seventh grade, and my parents didn't want us to tell anyone what hap-

pened, which didn't help at all.

Perhaps "Needs Closure" could organize a memorial service with a local church, depending on what is going to be done with his ashes. If that's not possible, she should reach out to other family members and grieve with them. I hope they do not feel embarrassed about the suicide.

—Loyal Reader in Saigon  
**Dear Loyal Reader:** One thing is certain: She should not suffer alone and in silence.

**Dear Abby:** Your advice was right on the money. I was away when my best friend dropped dead of a heart attack.

I wrote him a letter telling him what his friendship had meant to me. It is now 2004, and I still write letters to him. What started as a way to bring closure became the beginning of a wonderful journal.

—J. in Oceanside, Ore.

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Dear Abby



## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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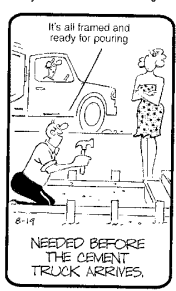
Answers tomorrow

Yesterday's

Jumbles: TWICE EPOCH PIRATE SHREWD

Answer: What the class considered the driving instructor's dog — TEACHER'S "PET"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnolet and Mike Arnolet



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

# Meningitis a little-known killer

**Dear Annie:** Students are heading back to school this time of year, but many of them are unaware that they may be at risk for meningitis infection.

August is Meningitis Awareness and Prevention Month. Meningitis is a serious, sometimes fatal infection causing inflammation of the membranes that protect the brain and spinal cord. The symptoms develop rapidly and are similar to the flu. Meningitis is difficult to diagnose, which is why vaccination against this disease is the best protection.

I know because I contracted meningococcal meningitis my freshman year of college, which resulted in a loss of nine of my toes, and part of the septum in my nose and palate in the roof of my mouth. I didn't know what meningitis was or that there are preventive methods available, and I found out the hard way.

Although meningitis can affect people of any age, young chil-

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dren are most susceptible. That is why they should receive the vaccine to protect them against invasive pneumococcal disease, the most common cause of meningitis in infants and young children. Young adults, especially those in college, the military or other large group settings, should be immunized with the meningococcal vaccine.

To find out more about meningitis, your readers can call us at 1-800-668-1129 or visit our Web site at [www.mnusa.org](http://www.mnusa.org). Please make your readers aware that there are preventive measures that can be taken to protect themselves and their families from this terrible disease.

Sincerely,  
—Ryan Pike,  
Development Director,  
Meningitis Foundation  
of America, Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Dear Ryan Pike:** Thank you for this timely warning. Please, readers, if any of your family

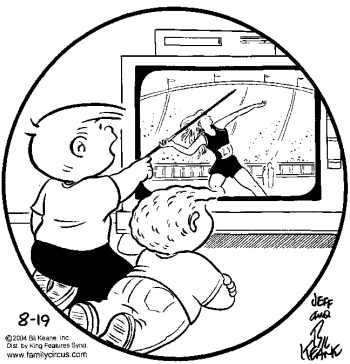
members are going to be spending the coming year in a group setting, talk to your doctor about appropriate vaccinations for meningitis.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I were married two years ago in a very thrown-together wedding, three weeks before moving overseas. As a result, we could not invite many people. We will be returning to the States next year and have told our families that we will hold a wedding reception. At that time, we will have been married for three years. It is improper to register for gifts?

—Jennifer  
**Dear Jennifer:** It is fine to register, and those guests who did not send you a gift when you first married will no doubt wish to do so now. Congratulations.

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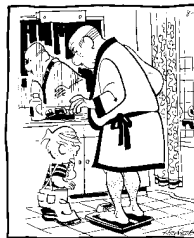
"Blimps better not fly too low for this event."

## GRAFFITI

To err is human-  
to blame  
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is politics



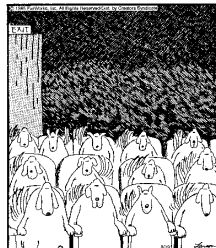
Dennis the Menace



"LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S GROWN UP FAST, HUH, MR. WILSON?"

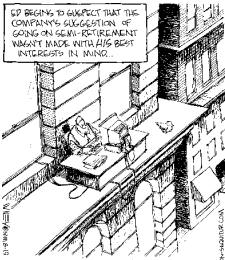
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The Far Side



At the Dog Comedy Film Festival

Non Sequiter



"I'D BEGGIN' TO SUSPECT THAT THE COMPANY'S SUGGESTION OF GOING ON SEMI-RETIREMENT WOULD MAKE US HAVE BEST INTERESTS IN HAND."















## THURSDAY EVENING / AUGUST 19, 2004

[MOVIES]

• SPORTS

J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30
6	AFN-P	ESPNews	Pacific Report	Everybody Loves Raymond: Late news: Debra is late to the party. (CC)	Scrubs Save the World: Late news: Debra is late to the party. (CC)	My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance (CC)	ER When the people he is helping are hit by a car, Dr. House struggles to keep them alive. (CC)	Pacific Report	Late Show (CC)	Guiding Light (CC)		
7	AFN-ATL	6:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)		Asahi! Real Monsters: Home at Work!	The Weekenders: Home at Work!	Yu-Gi-Oh! The Night Before	Mucha Lucha History lesson. (CC)	
8	NEWS	60 Minutes II (CC)	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	Good Morning America (CC)			Headline News	ABC World News This Morning (CC)	The Early Show (CC)		
9	SPTS	SportsCenter	NFL Live	ESPN	XXVII Summer Olympics From Athens, Greece. Women's basketball: South Korea vs. USA, rowing semifinals, women's water polo: Canada vs. USA.	Fronting: "The Jesus Factor" To what extent President Bush's spiritual beliefs affect his political decisions. (CC)		Inspector Morse				
10	SPTS	One Tree Hill: "Crash Course in Potter Conversation" Diagon Alley Patron comes home. Dan's parents visit.	The West Wing: "Privates" Abbey seeks to torpedo a foreign aid bill with an anti-abortion rider attached.									
11	TMC	(4:55) *** "Best Men" (1998) Dean Cain, R. (CC)	(25) *** "The Story" (2000, Drama) Michael Madsen, Anne Parilla. A homeless man has a sinister agenda as a restaurateur. (R) (CC)									
12	PBS	Cliffhanger: A Red Hot Cliffhanger (CC) (DVS)	Dragon Tales: A House of puzzles. (E) (CC) (DVS)	The Newshour With Jim Lehrer (CC)	The New 52 Old House Hour: Finishing bathrooms and mechanical work, protecting shrubs. (CC)	Wide Angle: "A State of Mind" Two teenage girls prepare to take part in a North Korea Mass Games. (CC)	Soundstage: "Cindy Lauper" Singer Cindy Lauper performs new songs and 1980s hits. (N) (CC)	Charlie Rose: Ty Anastasio of Frish. (N) (CC)				
13	SHOW	(4:55) *** "Once Bitten" (1985) PG-13	City Limits: "Flowers in the Attic" (1987, Horror) Victoria Tennant, Jessica Fletcher, Kim Cattrall. Four children are held prisoner by their grandmother. PG-13	American Justice: "A Woman Scream" The Betty Broderick Story! Killa ex-husband and his wife. (CC)								
14	A&E	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Cold Case Files: "Ticket to Nowhere; The Paper Route, Traces of Murder; The Bathub Kill: An ex-wife helps to solve a murder. (CC)							
15	DISC	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Superstructures							
16	29	(1:15) Male-a-Mo Kaya (In Tagalog)		(4:45) Dong Pungo Live	Kumusta Kabayan							
17	CNN-I	Larry King Live (CC)	CNN World News	World Sport	Business International	Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNN World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business International	
18	GOLF	PGA Championship Highlights Shaun Micheel	Inside the PGA Tour	Playing Lessons From the Pros	Golf Academy Live: Golf trouble shooters.							
19	TLC	Clean Sweep: Big Daddy's Dusty Char? Embarrassing rooms. (CC)	It's a Girl: Bachelor's Mess: A man's girlfriend moves out of their rundown home. (CC)	Overhaul: "4-New A" 1968 Oldsmobile.								
20	TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Courage the Cowardly Dog	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls	Cartoon Cartoon	Cartoon shorts.	Scooby-Doo All Star L.A.lympics	Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!
21	ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter's "Gator Rodeo" A crocodile tries to catch a woman's egg retriever. (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals	The Planet's Funniest Animals	Amazing Animal Videos: Animals attack humans. (CC)	Growing Up... "Wolf Dogs care for timber wolf pups."						
22	COM	Late Night: Jamie Foxx, Jose Marzan, Benie Mania. (CC)	The Daily Show: Aron Eckhart. (CC)	Crossbells: Mad TV (N) (CC)	Obscure TV: Adam Carlin's guest stars, music guest. Tide Eye Blind. (CC)	Innocent Boston: Boston's ward of odd-kiddos. (CC)	South Park: Parents ward off kid-kiddos. (CC)	The Graham Norton Effect (N) (CC)	The Daily Show: Natalie Portman. (CC)	Tough Crowd (N) (CC)		
23	NGC-A	Demolition Squad: "What's the Star"	Amazing Space	Toyota World: "Wildly Ingenious"	Planet Wild	Africa From the Ground Up: River Nile. (CC)	Wild Horizons: Great Bird. (CC)	The Road Is My Life	Big Cat Crisis	Innovation "SpyCatcher" Essential: Innovations in the history of spying. (CC) (DVS)		
24	SPICE	Real TV	Real TV	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	MIX	MIX "Crucis and Arlines"	MIX	MIX "Network Boss"	MIX "College Boys"	True Rock and Roll Story	
25	FOX	Fame Danny and Chris became co-hosted that someone is sabotaging the show of the Arts.	Blind Date: See blind date student. (CC)	Blind Date: See blind date student. (CC)	*** "Little Rascal" (2000, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Patricia Arquette, Harvey Keitel. The devil's son goes to Earth to find his errand brothers. (CC)							
26	BET	10 P.m. BET: The Top 10: "Top 10 Countdown"	BET.com Countdown	The Parkers: "The Parkers" (CC)	*** "Hot Boyz" (1999, Drama) Snuggly, Silk the Shocker, Gary Busey. A couple has an inspiring rap to rival a hit. (CC)							
27	COURT	NYPD Blue: Simon and Spivey investigate the murder of a woman found in a car trunk. (CC)	Cops: Captains of an armed thief in a remote Alaskan village. (CC)	The System: A doctor is accused of killing a Las Vegas casino millionaire.								
28	STR-WD	The Simpsons	Home Improvement (CC)	Friends (CC)	Just Shoot Me (CC)	Smallville (CC)	Buffy the Vampire Slayer (CC)	Angel (CC)	Baywatch (CC)			
29	LIFE	The Golden Girls: Dorothy has a new beau. (CC)	The Golden Girls: Dorothy has a new beau. (CC)	"Final Justice" (1998, Drama) Annette O'Toole, GCH Pounder, Michael McKean. An outcasted woman takes an unusual legal fight. (CC)								
30	ABC-FM	Full House: Jesse becomes a reluctant model. (CC)	Full House: Jesse becomes a reluctant model. (CC)	7th Heaven: "Bowling for Eric" Eric calls a family meeting to announce his wedding. (CC)								
31	HIST	Perfect Crimes: Leopold and Loeb hit for thrills. (CC)	Modern Marvels: "Police Technology" Aspects of police work. (CC)	Highway Hangers: Celebrating America's Roadside Attractions: Dinosaur theme parks, college-shed diners and truck stops are visited in an exploration of the highway attractions of the United States. (CC)								
32	STR-WD	(4:55) *** "Unsubrained Heroes" (1995, Drama)	*** "The Pianist" (2002, Drama) Adrien Brody, Thomas Kretschmann, Frank Filla. A Jewish musician witnesses the horrors of the Holocaust. (CC)									
33	ADV 1	Total Adventure: Karate Kid	Sacred Peaks of Mount Climbers embark on a remote island journey. (CC)	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	Adventures of the Quest "Silent Warrior" Australian war recruits train to become elite soldiers. (CC)	*** "The Replacement Killers" (1998, Suspense) Chow Yun-Fat, Minnie Driver, Michael Roark. An Asian hit man and a woman's love story. (CC)	Microglot: "Silent Warrior" (Part 2 of 2)	Microglot: "Silent Warrior" (Part 2 of 2)	Surfer's Journey: Barry Karanaka. (CC)	The Hunt for Amazing Treasures	Adventures of the Quest "Silent Warrior" Australian war recruits train to become elite soldiers. (CC)	
34	MTV	MTV Reality Award Show	Direct Effect: Shyne (N) (CC)	*** "Coming to America" (1988, Comedy) Eddie Murphy, Annette Bening, John Amos. An African prince arrives in New York to find a bride. (CC)								
35	NICK	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"	Justice: "The Wild Thornberry"

## JAPAN TV

Morning

6:45 Between the Lions (3)

7:30 Disney (12)

10:05 Olympics Highlights (1)

1:30 U.S. Movie (1993) Maltice (2/00/12)

4:00 Olympics: Swimming (8)

5:50 News (6)

Evening

6:15 Japan Pro Ball: Yokohama BayStars vs. Fukuoka Softbank Hawks

7:00 NHK News (1)

7:30 Japan Pro Ball: Yomiuri Giants vs. Yakult Swallows (4)

8:00 Olympics Highlights (1)

9:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Strategic Command (15/4/12)

9:00 Olympics: Judo, Softball - Japan vs. Italy (4)

10:00 News (1)

11:00 Olympics Highlights (1)

12:15 Olympics: Judo, Swimming, Gymnastics (1)

2:40 Kung Fu (4)

JAPAN TV (BS7)

Morning

7:00 World News Hour

8:00 Olympics: Swimming; Judo / Track and Field / Gymnastics; Basketball: Women

Japan vs. Australia

Afternoon

1:45 NHK News

2:00 Olympics: Soccer Men

4:00 Olympics: Swimming: Men 50-meter Freestyle

Women 100-meter Freestyle

Softball; Japan vs. Greece

Evening

8:00 Olympics: Hockey: Women: Japan vs. New Zealand / Judo

11:55 NHK News

12:00 Olympics: Softball - Japan vs. Italy /

Basketball: Men: U.S.A. vs. Australia /

Badminton / Swimming /

Women Individual

JAPAN TV (BS11)

Morning

8:30 World News Hour

9:30 Aerobics

9:50 News

10:30 Wonderful Nature

4:00 Net Tropical Jazz Big Band

Evening

7:00 NHK News

8:00 Italian Movie (1970): (Girasoli (1+45)

11:00 AIDS Charity Concert: Beyonce, Peter Gabriel, Umberto Bono

12:00 French Movie (2000): Le Gout des Auteurs (1+45)

SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)

Slam: Speed Racer X and Invader Zim

## WOWOW

Morning

6:30 Oswald #49

7:30 TV Series: Friends

Afternoon

1:30 U.S. Movie (2001): Behind Enemy Lines

5:30 Oswald #49 (9)

Evening

8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): John Q. (2/00)

12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City #62-#65

4:40 Pro Boxing: WBC Flyweight Title Match, etc. (9)

MTV

Morning

6:00 Wake Up

7:00 Film Wednesday

8:00 Top Choice

9:00 Pure Music

## 10:00 Special Marthon #3

10:30 "Catch Special"

11:00 Top Choice

12:00 Movie Awards: Performance Special

1:30 Pimp My Ride: Exotic Exhibit

1:30 Top Choice

2:30 Pure Music

3:00 Top Choice

4:00 Music Selection: Pop Star

5:00 Top Choice

Evening

6:00 M-Size News Thursday

7:00 YATV

8:00 Ashlee Simpson

8:30 Punk: Shannon

9:30 M-Size All Request

10:00 Screen

11:00 Pure Music

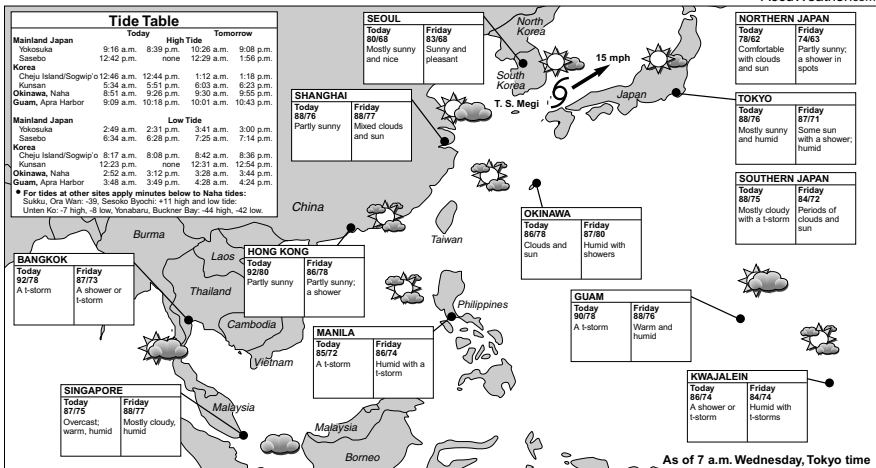
12:00 U.S. Movie: Top 20 with Super Dry

8:00 M-Size All Request

3:30 After Hours



## The Pacific Forecast

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## Extended Forecasts

## TOKYO

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 80, low 67.  
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 78, low 66.

## KADENA

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 89, low 81.  
Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 91, low 83.

## SEoul

Saturday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 82, low 66.  
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, high 81, low 67.

## MANILA

Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 87, low 74.  
Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 86, low 73.

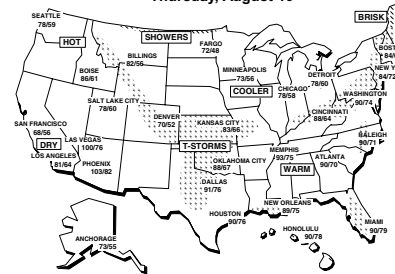
## HAGATNA

Saturday: Thunderstorms, high 88, low 74.  
Sunday: Thunderstorms, high 85, low 73.

## Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	83/62	Los Angeles	82/65
Amarillo	87/62	Little Rock	91/69
Anchorage	81/57	Louisville	87/66
Ashville	80/60	Miami	93/79
Baltimore	83/63	Milwaukee	78/62
Birmingham	88/65	Nashville	87/65
Bismarck	87/58	New York	79/58
Boston	76/59	Omaha	84/66
Brownsville	74/62	Orlando	92/75
Buffalo	94/76	Philadelphia	85/68
Burlington	81/62	Phoenix	95/82
Charleston, SC	80/59	Pittsburgh	80/59
Charlotte	87/73	Portland, OR	84/62
Cleveland	88/67	Portland, ME	76/57
Columbus, OH	81/62	Salt Lake City	83/61
Duluth	75/58	San Antonio	93/70
El Paso	82/64	San Diego	75/66
Hartford	80/58	San Juan	91/78
Helena	85/58	Tampa	91/76
Indianapolis	84/64	Tulsa	95/66
Jacksonville	90/72	Washington	84/67
Kansas City	91/69	Wichita	92/68

## Thursday, August 19



## U.S. Extended Forecast

A frontal boundary will stall in the northeastern United States Thursday into Friday and keep the chance of a shower or thunderstorm in the forecast. The Southeast will have just a small chance of an afternoon shower or thunderstorm through Thursday, with an increasing chance toward the weekend. The Gulf Coast and Florida will receive a few Gulf breeze showers and thunderstorms around each day, especially in the afternoon. Unsettled weather is expected in the Great Lakes through Friday. Pop-up showers and thunderstorms will continue in the Rockies, although the Desert Southwest will experience a decrease in activity toward the weekend. Dry and seasonable weather will be featured along most of the West Coast.

## Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/78	Iwakuni	88/73
Beijing	85/70	Kadena AB	88/78
Camp Casey	84/66	Kansan AB	85/69
Christchurch	48/29	Kwajalein	88/74
Diego Garcia	81/73	Manila	85/72
Hagatna	90/78	Misawa AB	77/61
Hanoi	88/76	Okinawa	83/67
Hong Kong	92/80	Perth	61/47
Honolulu	90/78	Pusan	83/69
		Sasebo NB	85/73
		Sapporo	78/62
		Seoul	80/68
		Shanghai	88/76
		Singapore	87/75
		Sydney	65/41
		Taegu	83/67
		Taipei	92/75
		Tokyo	88/76

## Thursday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Acapulco	92/76	Budapest	91/69
Athens	89/73	Buenos Aires	82/65
Auckland	56/44	Cairo	95/66
Baghdad	106/75	Cancun	85/72
Barbados	89/74	Cape Town	70/51
Barcelona	81/66	Geneva	72/57
Berlin	81/62	Istanbul	80/64
Bermuda	82/71	Jerusalem	92/62
Brussels	69/48	Johannesburg	74/52
		Kabul	99/61
		Kiev	82/65
		New Delhi	76/50
		Oslo	68/51
		London	69/52
		Paris	70/48
		Rio de Janeiro	80/69
		Rome	90/71
		St. Petersburg	77/58
		Stockholm	73/57
		Warsaw	87/67



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Enjoy a specialty seafood dinner and receive \$2 off your entree

### Prime Rib Night Saturdays

### Sunday Brunch 0900 to 1330 in Kosano Dining Room

Enjoy Yokosuka's premiere brunch including Belgian waffles, fresh pasta, omelets, freshly-made crepes, salad bar and more! Reservations recommended. Adult \$11.95/Child 4 to 11 years \$5.95

## Seaside Club 243-3379

### Single Parent Family Day August 20

Bring your family for a tasty meal and receive \$1 off each entree

### Elvis Presley Night August 22

Bring a piece of Elvis Presley memorabilia and receive \$2 off your dinner entree

### National Back-to-School Day August 23

Take your family to dinner and receive ten percent off entire meal tab

## Club Takemiya 246-8075

### Eddie Cotton August 21 from 1700 to 2100

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### Yokosuka Jazz Band August 28 from 1700 to 2100

Enjoy the smooth sounds of live jazz in the dining room

### Soul Train Night XXXIV August 28 from 2100 to 0200

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## CPO Club 243-5606

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Bring your boss with you and enjoy free hors d'oeuvres

### Prospective Chiefs Social Hour August 26 from 1730 to 1930

Chiefs, bring your prospective chiefs and receive free appetizers during social hour and great discounts prices on selected buffets throughout the month

### Prospective Chiefs Dinner Buffet Bonanza Now through August 31

Chiefs, bring your prospective chiefs to dinner and receive fifty percent off of their meals during Italian, Chinese and Beef & Burgundy Nights

### Prime Rib Night Tuesdays

### Mongolian BBQ Wednesdays from 1700 to 2100

## Club Alliance 243-5951

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Enjoy belly laughs with Mark Yaflee and Tommy Savitt at this adult comedy show. May contain language some find offensive.

### DJ EZ Rock Live August 28

Join us for a demonstration by DJ EZ Rock and a base wide DJ contest. Following the contest DJ EZ Rock will spin for the crowd

## Negishi Club 242-4151

### Bon Odori Open House Festival August 21 from 1300 to 2000

Join us for a special buffet dinner

### Mongolian BBQ Tuesdays from 1700 to 2100

### Prime Rib Night Saturdays

## Bingo! Join us at Club Alliance Every Saturday & Sunday

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# Giants' Manning to get his first NFL start

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Eli Manning is going to get a chance to open the season as the New York Giants' starting quarterback.

Coach Tom Coughlin made that clear Tuesday, announcing that Manning, the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft, will start ahead of two-time MVP Kurt Warner in the preseason game Thursday against the Carolina Panthers.

"The decision coming in was that they were going to compete for the job," Coughlin said. "Therefore, we are going to give both of them the opportunity to start, and this week is Eli's opportunity."

Warner started on Friday in a 34-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.



Coughlin said his decision had nothing to do with that game. The new Giants coach planned all along to start Manning in the second preseason game, but he didn't tell either player.

Last week, Coughlin said the race for the starting job was even. "I didn't know what their feeling was; how they were going to go into the preseason," Manning said. "I guess they want to give me a shot to see how I do against a starting defense and see if I can manage a game well."

Warner did not seem upset.

"The only fair way in a competitive situation like this is to give guys the same opportunity," Warner said. "It wasn't a surprise. It wasn't disappointing. It's part of the deal I expected going in, and leave it at that."

Warner completed three of seven passes for 49 yards against the Chiefs.

Manning, who was given a six-year, \$45 million contract, was 7-for-13 for 91 yards on Friday.

**Raiders:** Offensive lineman Robert Gallery, Oakland's top draft pick chosen No. 2 overall in April, suffered a right elbow injury during practice Monday.

Gallery was taken to a hospital for tests. X-rays were negative. Gallery met with a team doctor and said the elbow was strained

and that he didn't know how long he would be sidelined.

"We'll see how it comes along and get back out there when it can deal with it," he said. "It's not a big deal."

**Eagles:** Defensive end N.D. Kulu will miss the season after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee during Tuesday's practice. Kulu started 16 games last year and finished third on the Eagles with 57 sacks.

**Dolphins:** Miami signed 32-year-old wide receiver Antonio Freeman on Monday.

Freeman had 14 catches last season for Green Bay.

The Dolphins lost offseason acquisition David Boston for the season on Aug. 6 with a torn tendon in his knee. Kendall Newson, who

had moved up to third receiver, tore his left Achilles' tendon Saturday night.

**Falcons:** Will Overstreet was placed on injured reserve Monday, the third straight year the defensive end's season has ended early due to a shoulder injury.

**Vikings:** Starting cornerback Brian Williams is expected to miss at least two weeks with a sprained left knee and might not be available for the Vikings' season opener Sept. 12 against Dallas. Williams was injured during Saturday's exhibition game.

**Redskins:** Demoted to third string two weeks ago, former starter safety Ike Odeh was cut from the team Tuesday. Odeh was numbered when the team drafted free safety Sean Taylor.

## Simmons outshines Palmer

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The sharpest young quarterback on the field was Chris Simms, not Carson Palmer.

Simms, the second-year pro competing with Brian Griese for Tampa Bay's No. 2 job, completed 12 of 15 passes for 110

yards to help the Buccaneers to a 20-6 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Monday night.

"So far, so good," the son of former New York Giants quarterback Phil Simms said.

"It was great to get out there and play some else besides our defense. I had a lot of fun and definitely got some good experience."

Palmer, the first pick in the 2003 draft, made his first start since college for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Heisman Trophy winner threw an interception on the game's opening possession and left the game after leading his team to a field goal on the other series he worked.

Jon Kitna replaced him and was 7-for-15 for 58 yards. The Bengals wasted an opportunity to score a touchdown when Kitna lofted a perfectly thrown ball to a wide-open T.J. Houshmandzadeh, but the receiver failed to stay in bounds in the end zone.

"Our mistakes pretty much told the story," Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said, noting that his team hurt itself with dropped passes and turnovers.

The coach, however, thought Palmer managed the offense well.

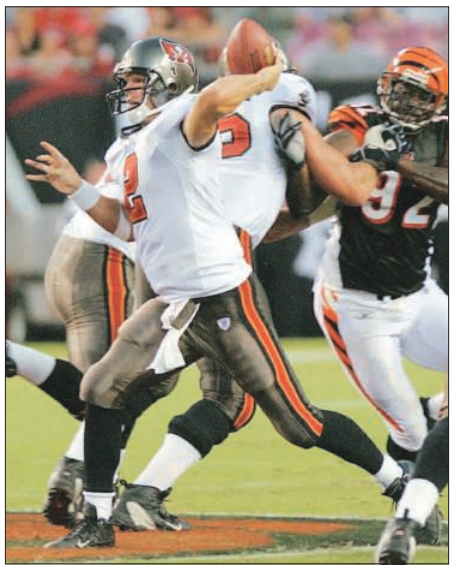
"Stats aren't football," Lewis said. Palmer gave himself a favorable review.

"I'm not happy with the outcome, but we did some good things along with the mistakes," Palmer said. "I felt weird, but I felt great. It's just been so long since I played in actual games."

Chris Perry, Cincinnati's first-round pick this year, also got off to a shaky start. The running back fumbled on his first carry, setting up the first of two TDs that Earnest Graham scored for Tampa Bay.

The preseason player was delayed two days because of Hurricane Charley.

"I've seen quite a few hurricanes in my lifetime," Brooks said. "Obviously, the pictures tell a thousand words, but to see it in person tells even more. Your heart goes



Tampa Bay's Chris Simms (2) completed 12 of 15 passes for 110 yards against Cincinnati on Monday. Quarterback Carson Palmer, the Bengals' top pick in 2003, made his first NFL start and completed three of eight passes for 74 yards and one interception.

out."

Palmer completed three of eight passes for 74 yards. After Ronde Barber's interception spoiled his first series, the second-year pro led an eight-play, 60-yard drive that produced Shayne Graham's 36-yard field goal.

Perry, the 26th pick in this year's draft, missed the first 11 days of training camp before ending his contract holdout last week.

The former Michigan star fumbled after gaining 1 yard to his own 19 on his first carry. Tampa Bay's DeVone Claybrooks recovered, setting up Earnest Graham's TD that made it 13-3.

Perry finished with 19 yards and four

carries.

Brad Johnson started at quarterback for Tampa Bay and completed all three of his passes on the only series he worked, moving the Bucs from their 37 to the Cincinnati 2 before settling for Gramatica's 20-yard field goal.

Griese replaced Simms, a third-round draft pick in 2003, midway through the third quarter.

The former Denver starter was 7-for-11 for 96 yards and directed the fourth-quarter drive that produced Graham's second touchdown.

Wide receivers Tim Brown and Joey Gallows started and played one snap in their

Tampa Bay debuts. Bucs running back Charlie Garner sat out with a sore hamstring.

Cincinnati receiver Chad Johnson played sparingly and had two receptions for 32 yards. Bengals third-string quarterback Casey Bramlett was 6-for-11 for 41 yards.

### Seahawks 21, Packers 3

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Fourth-string quarterback Seneca Wallace led Seattle on two touchdown drives and the Seahawks took advantage of Tim Couch's dismal debut for Green Bay on Monday night.

Matt Hasselbeck, who wasn't bothered by much of a pass rush, completed five of nine passes for 56 yards for Seattle before giving way to Wallace, who was 14-for-26 for 185 yards and two scores.

Green Bay's Brett Favre completed five of seven passes for 43 yards in two series, the first of which ended on Ryan Longwell's 47-yard field goal and the second in a punt after overthrowing Donald Driver on what would have been a 46-yard touchdown.

With Seattle's No. 2 and 3 quarterbacks, Trent Dillier and Brock Huard, out with back spasms, Wallace played most of the game. His two touchdowns took to Jereme Urban made it 14-3 just before halftime and his 19-yard completion to Chris Davis set up Kerry Carter's 1-yard TD plunge with 3:44 left in the game.

Couch finished 2-for-11 for 18 yards and was sacked twice. Couch, a former No. 1 draft pick who served as Cleveland's starter most of the past five years, wasn't released by the Browns in time to get a jump-start on Green Bay's intricate offense in the June minicamp, and he has struggled during training camp.

Couch repeatedly overthrew or underthrew his receivers, was indecisive in the pocket and unable to shake a troublesome hitch in his delivery. He often threw right into the face of defensive linemen bearing down on him.

Couch's day came to a finish on a series in which he held the ball too long and was sacked, then threw right into the swatting hands of defensive end Darnell Dazell as he backedpedaled from pressure near his own goal line.

The loudest cheer from the crowd of 69,718 came when Doug Pederson replaced Couch in the third quarter. Pederson completed five of 10 passes for 55 yards.

The Packers may not admit it, but it was evident Monday they miss Mike McKenzie, their recalcitrant cornerback who has skipped all offseason workouts in search of a trade.

His replacement in the starting lineup, Michael Hawthorne, surrendered two first downs on third- and long situations on Seattle's touchdown drive, and first-round draft pick Ahmad Carroll was called for pass interference, negating Mark Roman's interception in the second quarter.



# SCOREBOARD

## AFN schedule

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### Television

#### AFN-Pacific/Rio/Atlantic

**THU, Aug. 19, at 1:30 a.m.**—2004 Summer Olympic Games: Swimming: Track and field: 100-meter freestyle (live); 200-meter freestyle (live); 400-meter freestyle (live); 800-meter freestyle (live); 1,600-meter freestyle (live); 3,200-meter freestyle (live); 6,400-meter freestyle (live); 12,800-meter freestyle (live); 25,600-meter freestyle (live); 51,200-meter freestyle (live); 102,400-meter freestyle (live); 204,800-meter freestyle (live); 409,600-meter freestyle (live); 819,200-meter freestyle (live); 1,638,400-meter freestyle (live); 3,276,800-meter freestyle (live); 6,553,600-meter freestyle (live); 13,107,200-meter freestyle (live); 26,214,400-meter freestyle (live); 52,428,800-meter freestyle (live); 104,857,600-meter freestyle (live); 209,715,200-meter freestyle (live); 419,430,400-meter freestyle (live); 838,860,800-meter freestyle (live); 1,677,721,600-meter freestyle (live); 3,355,443,200-meter freestyle (live); 6,710,886,400-meter freestyle (live); 13,421,772,800-meter freestyle (live); 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Toronto Blue Jays' Carlos Delgado goes flying after colliding with Boston Red Sox's Doug Mientkiewicz (13) while trying to break up a double play in the second inning at Fenway Park in Boston on Monday. Delgado was out on the play. Mientkiewicz, a 2001 Gold Glove winner at first base, was making his first start at second base. Boston won 8-4.

## Mientkiewicz makes move to second in Red Sox win

The Associated Press

**BOSTON** — Terry Franco- na's unusual tweak to Boston's lineup left the Red Sox wondering if their manager made a mistake.

Former Gold Glove first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz started at second base for the first time in his career in Boston's 8-4 victory over Toronto on Monday night.

"There was definitely a double-take when we looked at the lineup," first baseman Kevin Millar said.

Franco made the move in order to load Boston's lineup with left-handed hitters, and also because of an injury to third baseman Kevin Millar.

It had the Red Sox players joking about what other lineup changes Franco might have in store, with Millar suggesting unusual spots for himself, star outfielder Manny Ramirez and pitcher Curt Schilling.

"I think Manny's catching, Schilling's playing left and I'm pitching tomorrow," Millar said.

Mientkiewicz played second for the second time since coming to the majors in 1998. The 2001 Gold Glove winner at first base for Minnesota had played second for one inning — last season.

Mientkiewicz found himself right in the middle of things in the second when he was knocked to the ground by Carlos Delgado's elbow after fielding Frank Catalanotto's grounder. Delgado broke up a potential double play.

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"On one hand, he played the game the way it's supposed to be played," Mientkiewicz said. "It was kind of hard. I just didn't appreciate the way he did it to me. He knows I'm not a second baseman. I wouldn't have done it that way to a guy playing his first game at second."

Delgado said he was just trying to break up the play.

"He was in the baseline," Delgado said. "I'm going to go in so he doesn't get the double play."

Mientkiewicz made a backhanded pick-up of Vernon Wells' grounder in the first, stepped on second and threw to first for an inning-ending double play.

Derek Lowe (11-10) allowed four runs — three earned — in seven innings for the win. The Red Sox have scored at least seven runs in 10 of Lowe's victories, getting nine or more on other occasions.

Keith Foulke got six outs for his 20th save in 25 chances.

In other AL games Monday:

**Athletics 3, Orioles 1:** Mark Redman (9-9) pitched eight innings of six-hit ball, and visiting Oakland used a three-run fifth inning to defeat Baltimore.

**Rangers 5, Indians 2:** At Arlington, Texas, Brian Jordan hit a tiebreaking homer off C.C. Sabathia (9-7) in the sixth and the Rangers extended their winning streak to four games.

## Ward, Jones, Pujols provide pop in wins

The Associated Press

Daryle Ward, Albert Pujols and Chipper Jones had big nights at the plate at the expense of National League pitchers.

Ward drove in six runs and fell a single short of his second cycle of the season in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 8-7, 10-inning victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday night.

He went 3-for-6 in his first game off the disabled list, but struck out with the bases loaded in the 10th — failing in a bid to join

Babe Herman of the 1931 Brooklyn Dodgers as the only players to hit for the cycle twice in a season.

"It was a lot harder than the last time," said Ward, who had the cycle and six RBIs on May 26 in St. Louis.

Pujols homered for the fifth time in four games and tied his career high with five RBIs, leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 10-5 victory over Cincinnati.

Pujols, 9-for-18 with 11 RBIs in the past four games despite playing through painful plantar fasciitis in his left heel, hit a three-run homer in the eighth — his major league-leading 37th of the season — and had two doubles. He also scored his major league-leading 100th and 101st runs, giving him 100 or more in each of his first four major league seasons.

At San Diego, Jones hit his 300th career homer to lead the Braves to a 5-4 victory over the Padres. With his fifth homer in four games, Jones became the fourth player to reach 300 with the Braves — joining Hank Aaron, Eddie Mathews and Dale Murphy.

**Pirates 8, Diamondbacks 7 (10):** Jack Wilson's sacrifice fly off Greg Aquino (0-1) in the 10th win it for the visiting Pirates, but Ward's near-cycle was the talk in Pittsburgh's clubhouse.

Ward, who tore a ligament in his right thumb June 25 at Cincinnati and wasn't resuscitated until Sunday, hit a three-run triple off Brandon Webb in the fifth and gave the Pirates a 4-3 lead with a solo shot off Elmer Dessens leading off the eighth. He added a two-run double against Shane Nance in the ninth.

"He's a professional hitter," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "It's nice to have him back in the lineup."

Jose Mesa (4-1) got the win despite allowing four runs in five hits and a walk.

**Cardinals 10, Reds 5:** At St. Louis, Pujols hit a two-run double in the first, doubled and scored on a close play in the seventh, and hit a three-run homer off John Riesling in the eighth.

Scott Rolen drove in two runs for the Cardinals, giving him a National League-leading 104 RBIs. He had a run-scoring double



Pittsburgh Pirates' Daryle Ward fell a single short of becoming the second player to hit for the cycle twice in a season in the Pirates' 8-7 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks on Monday in Phoenix.

in the third and an RBI single in the seventh, and has 24 RBIs in his last 26 games.

The Cardinals have won 16 of 20 and lead the NL Central by 14 games, their biggest advantage since they were 14 games in front on Sept. 3, 1968, when they won a pennant.

**Braves 5, Padres 4:** Jones hit a fastball off Sterling Hitchcock that bounced off the second deck of the Western Metal Supply Co. building beyond the left-field fence and gave Atlanta a 3-0 lead.

It was Jones' 20th of the season, marking the 10th straight year he's reached that mark. He also moved past Ruben Sierra of the New York Yankees into fifth place on the career homers list for switch-hitters.

J.D. Drew and Andruw Jones also homered for the Braves, who won for the ninth time in 12 games.

**Marlins 4, Dodgers 2:** Miguel Cabrera homered and Mike Lowell singled home the go-ahead run against reliever Darren Dreifort (1-4) in the eighth inning in Paul Lu Duca's return to Los Angeles.

Marlins starter Carl Pavano (13-5) allowed two runs and six hits in 7 1/3 innings, and set a career high for victories.

Florida played their first game at Chavez Ravine since the July 30 trade in which Los Angeles sent Lu Duca, Juan Encarnacion and Guillermo Mota to Florida for Brad Penny, Herp Seop Choi and minor leaguer Ricky Murphy.

**Giants 6, Expos 5:** Pinch-hitter Ricky Ledee hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth and the homestanding Giants took the NL wild-card lead with their fifth straight win.

Jason Christiansen (3-2) got the final two outs in the eighth for the win, and Ledee managed only his third hit in 21 at-bats since joining the Giants in a July 30 trade with Philadelphia.

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# Major League Baseball scoreboard

## American League

East Division			
	L	Pct	GB
New York Yankees	75	42.61	1.5
Tampa Bay Rays	70	39.00	5.0
Baltimore Orioles	57	60.487	18
Toronto Blue Jays	54	49.219	21.0
Central Division			
Minnesota Twins	64	53.547	0.0
Chicago White Sox	57	52.29	7.0
Chicago Cubs	56	55.313	4.0
St. Louis Cardinals	49	48.2	13.0
Kansas City Royals	34	36.212	28.0

West Division			
	L	Pct	GB
Oakland Athletics	66	52.599	1.5
Los Angeles Angels	52	55.6	15.0
Anaheim	45	55.551	21.0
Seattle Mariners	48	39.1	28.0

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Boston 8, Toronto 4  
Oakland 3, Baltimore 1  
St. Louis 2, Cleveland 2

**Tuesday's games**  
Toronto at Tampa Bay  
Oakland at Baltimore  
Anaheim at Chicago White Sox  
N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota  
Seattle at Kansas City

**Wednesday's games**  
Toronto (Baltista 9-4) at Baltimore (Wakelin 8-7)  
Boston (Molina 15-4) at Baltimore (Poulsen 12-2)

**Thursday's games**  
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 9-4) at Minnesota (Santana 12-0)  
Anaheim (Cotton 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Henderson 9-11)  
Cleveland (Lindor 2-2) at Texas (Rogers 18-12)

**Friday's games**  
Detroit (Bordner 6-9) at Chicago White Sox (Conteras 10-5)  
Seattle (Franklin 3-11) at Kansas City (Serrano 9-1)

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# Phillies' Burrill

Phillies slugger Pat Burrill decided to delay season-ending surgery on his injured left wrist after consulting with a hand specialist.

Burrill will continue to wear a splint for at least a week, after which he'll try to hit with a special brace that would limit the movement of his injured tendon, the team said Monday. Surgery still remains an option.

Burrill was examined by Dr. Thomas J. Graham at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore on Monday. Burrill was scheduled to have surgery on his wrist last Friday, but delayed the procedure while he pursued a second opinion.

Burrill injured his wrist while taking batting practice July 27 before a game against San Diego. He was hitting .263 with 18 homers and 68 RBIs this year.

Boone won't return this season

ARLINGTON, Texas — Injured Cleveland Indians third baseman Aaron Boone needs arthroscopic surgery to remove loose cartilage from his left knee and will not play this season.

Boone, who tore ligaments in the knee last winter while playing in a pickup basketball game, had reconstructive surgery on Feb. 16, will have the half-hour operation Friday in Vail, Colo. The loose cartilage has caused swelling in the knee.

Indians trainer Lonnie Solfing said Boone, 31, should be ready to resume baseball activities in December.

The Lightning offered Prospal a five-year deal worth \$2.75 million per season, but Prospal passed that up in favor of Anaheim's five-year offer of \$2.5 million a season plus a \$4 million signing bonus.

Stillman was scheduled to have an arbitration hearing with the Lightning on Sunday, but team spokesman Billickett said the Associated Press that Stillman and Lightning General Manager Jay Feaster worked out a deal Thursday that would have the forward receive a \$3.9 million award from an arbiter — the amount the Lightning expected he would be given following a hearing.

The Lightning decided to walk away from the award, making Stillman an unrestricted free agent.

MLB-Seattle's pitching should

SEATTLE — Seattle Mariners right-hander Rafael Soriano will have exploratory surgery on Tuesday to repair a torn ligament in his elbow on pitching arm.

Dr. Lewis Yocum, the Anaheim Angels' team doctor, confirmed an abnormality that showed up on Soriano's MRI on Monday and will perform the surgery in Los Angeles.

Soriano, a key part of Seattle's bullpen last season, won 9-3 with a 13.50 ERA in six games before being placed on the disabled list May 10.

Yocum also confirmed Larry Pedegana's diagnosis of a torn rotator cuff in left-handed closer Eddie Guardado's pitching shoulder.

"No determination has been made on the next step in Guardado's recovery," General Manager Bill Bavasi said.

NCAA rejects Bloom's bid to accept endorsements

BOULDER, Colo. The NCAA has denied Jeremy Bloom's request to play football at Colorado while accepting endorsements to support his skiing career.

The decision, announced Tuesday, said Bloom's "football career is over unless the NCAA reverses the itself on appeal," university spokesman Lindsey Babcock said.

Coach Gary Barnett said the university has appealed the decision.

"There's one avenue left for the university to pursue. We have pursued it immediately, and that's about all we can do," he said.

It was not immediately clear when the NCAA would act on the appeal.

Bloom, a world champion freestyle skier, was training with the U.S. Ski Team in Chile. Ski team officials did not immediately return a telephone message.

In a statement released by the university, Bloom said he was "shocked and saddened."

Bloom, a junior receiver and kick returner, has been battling the NCAA for more than two years over whether he can accept endorsement money as a professional skier and still keep his eligibility to play college football.

Lightning reacquire Prospal

VALENTIA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning have reacquired prospect Jay Feaster, who was traded to the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Monday for a second-round pick in the 2004 NHL draft.







## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS



American Ron Siler, left, from Cincinnati, Ohio, throws a left at Australia's Bradley Hore during the flyweight boxing preliminaries on Tuesday in Athens. Siler won the bout, improving the U.S. men's record to 4-0.

## U.S. ends drought in men's volleyball

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The United States couldn't afford another loss in its ultra-competitive men's volleyball pool, and Clay Stanley made sure it didn't happen.

Stanley scored 21 points and fellow rookie Reid Priddy added the nine kills Tuesday to lead the Americans to a crucial sweep of the Netherlands, 26-24, 25-20, 25-18.

The U.S. ended a nine-match Olympic losing streak in the process, a skid that dated back to the Netherlands in 1996. "We finally got one," outside hitter Kevin Barnett yelled as he left the floor.

With Russia and Brazil left in their preliminary schedule, this was an important win.

"I think we have probably one of the hardest pools ever put together in Olympic history," American captain Lloyd Ball said.

**Federer crashes out; Williams completes shutout**

ATHENS, Greece — The No. 1 men's tennis player, Roger Federer of Switzerland, crashed out of the Olympics Tuesday, losing to the Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

In the biggest surprise of his career, the 18-year-old Berdych who has never won a singles title on the ATP tour, came back from a set down to break the Wimbledon champion's serve in two successive sets.

Federer had been heavily favored to reach the final.

A day after falling in his bid for a second straight doubles gold medal, Venus Williams beat Majka Matevich of Slovenia 6-0, 6-0 to reach the third round in singles — where she's also the defending champion.

It's the first shutout since tennis returned to the Olympics as a medal sport in 1988.

**Flyweight Siler runs USA's record to 4-0**

ATHENS, Greece — American Ron Siler opened his quest for a

## Olympic roundup

first-round flyweight fight.

With his father and the mother he has rarely seen cheering in the stands, Siler used his quickness to overcome a slow start and wear down Hore in the third and fourth rounds to win the decision.

The win kept American boxers undefeated in the Olympics, but to Siler it was only a start.

"My expectations are gold," he said. "Anything else is not an option."

Cuban and Russian boxers remained undefeated, too. Both are 6-0 in the first round, though that will change Wednesday when Cuba's Odlanier Solis meets Alexander Alekseev of Russia in a rematch of the heavyweight final of the 2003 world championships.

**Gasol, Spain top Argentina**

ATHENS, Greece — The Memphis Grizzlies' Pau Gasol had 26 points and eight rebounds Tuesday night to lead Spain to a 87-76 victory over Argentina.

After just two games, Spain is the only unbeaten team in the tournament of the two pools in the men's basketball tournament.

Luis Scola had 28 points for Argentina (1-1), while Manu Ginobili, the hero of the opening victory over Serbia-Montenegro, had 17.

**Americans snag second win in men's water polo**

ATHENS, Greece — Will Wigo scored four goals as the United States rallied for a 9-6 victory over Kazakhstan.

The Americans improved to 2-0, including a last-second 7-6 win over Croatia in their opener.

Sergey Drozdov scored three goals, twice giving Kazakhstan the lead in the first period and then adding a third as the game wound down.

## Tuesday's scores

## BASEBALL

Canada 7, Netherlands 0  
Taiwan 7, Greece 1  
Australia 6, Italy 0  
Japan 1, Czech 3

## BASKETBALL Men

China 69, New Zealand 62  
Australia 83, Angola 90  
Lithuania 83, Puerto Rico 90  
Serbia-Montenegro 76, Italy 72  
Spain 87, Argentina 74, Greece 71

## F1 RACE

## Men

South Korea 4, Australia 2  
Australia 2, Argentina 2, tie  
Pakistan 4, Serbia-Montenegro 4  
India 4, South Korea 2  
Netherlands 4, New Zealand 3  
Germany 1, Spain 1, tie

## SOCCER

Tunisia 3, Serbia-Montenegro 2  
Malta 3, South Korea 3, tie  
Mexico 3, Argentina 1, Australia 0

## Women

Australia 1, United States 1, tie  
Brazil 1, Mexico 0  
Sweden 2, Nigeria 1

## SOFTBALL

United States 4, China 0  
Australia 8, Italy 0, 5 innings  
Taiwan 2, Greece 0

## VOLLEYBALL

Ukraine 26, China 2  
Hungary 25, Brazil 20  
France 27, Spain 20

## WATER POLO

Germany 13, Egypt 3  
Italy 10, Australia 10  
United States 9, Kazakhstan 6  
Russia 10, Serbia-Montenegro 6  
Greece 8, Spain 5  
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Mariel Zagunis

## Zagunis, Jacobson win medals in fencing

BY DAVID MORDKOFF

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — American Mariel Zagunis won the sabre competition Tuesday while Marcel Fischer of Switzerland took gold in the men's epee in the Olympic fencing competition.

Zagunis beat Tan Xue of China 15-9 as the United States took its first fencing medals in 20 years. American Sada Jacobson won the bronze, beating Catalina Gheorghita of Romania 15-7.

Fischer beat Wang Lei of China 15-9 in the gold medal final while Pavel Kobokov of Russia captured bronze with a 15-8 win over Eric Boisse of France.

The United States had never won a medal in women's fencing. The last American medal in the sport was in Los Angeles in 1984, when Peter Westbrook won the bronze in men's sabre.

Tan beat Jacobson 15-12 in one semifinal, and Zagunis beat Gheorghita 15-10 in the other.

Jacobson is ranked No. 1 in the world, and Zagunis is ranked fourth. Tan is No. 5.

In the quarterfinals, Jacobson beat Leonore Perrus of France 15-11. Perrus knocked out Sada's sister, Emily, 15-13 in the round of 16, preventing the sisters from playing each other.

"I don't like anyone beating up on my little sister," Sada said with a smile after her victory.

Zagunis, of Beaverton, Ore., defeated Elena Jemayeva of Azerbaijan 15-11 to advance to the semifinals.

Women's sabre is the newest of fencing's six disciplines and is making its first appearance in the Olympics. The first world championship in women's sabre was held in 1999.

Saber is the fastest of fencing's three weapons. The target area is the entire body above the bend in the hips, including the head.

Unlike in foil and epee, sabre fencers can score with either the tip or the edge of the blade.

Fischer said his mind and body were not in sync.

"Psychologically I was feeling very well," said Fischer. "But my legs were very tired and only when I got the 14th point I knew that the gold medal was mine."

## Phelps strikes gold twice more Tuesday

U.S. teen wins 200 butterfly, leads off thrilling win in 800 free relay

BY PAUL NEWBERRY

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Now this was a duel in the pool — one of the world's two greatest swimmers going head-to-head for more than seven minutes at the Olympics.

And it all came down to Klete Keller holding off Ian Thorpe and finishing off the Australians with a lunge for the wall that gave the Americans a gold medal in the 800-meter freestyle relay.

By 13-hundredths of a second. With Michael Phelps leading off Tuesday night, the United States bested its rival from Down Under in the most thrilling race of the Athens Games. Phelps earned his third gold medal of the Olympics, having won the 200-meter butterfly about an hour earlier.

The 19-year-old started things right for the Americans in the relay, building about a one-second lead, but this one will be remembered for Keller's gutsy swim against Thorpe that sent 10,000 fans into an uproar.

"This race will go down as one of the greatest in history," said Phelps, who helped the Americans avenge the loss to Australia four years ago in Sydney. "I was like, 'Come on, Klete! Hold on! Hold on!' I knew Klete would come through. His swim was the reason why we won that relay. He held off the fastest 200 freestyler in history."

Phelps and the other U.S. swimmers, Ryan Lochte and Peter Vanderkaay, hopped up and down on the deck as Keller dug for home.

When he touched first — his hand just ahead of Thorpe's — Phelps showed more emotion than he has at the entire Olympics. The teenager threw his arms and screamed "Yeeeahhh!" toward the jubilant American contingent in the stands.

"I don't think I've ever celebrated like that in my entire life," Phelps said. "They've owned that race for so long."

Keller pulled himself out of the water and joined his teammates in a raucous hug. A dejected Thorpe

## Swimming

pe walked over and shook hands with Keller.

"It hurt like hell," Keller said. "I could see [Thorpe] coming. But when I was breathing, I saw my team going crazy — and that really kept me going."

A night earlier, the 200 freestyle — a duel between Phelps, Thorpe and Pieter van den Hoogenband — was touted as the most anticipated race of the Olympics. It was the only head-to-head individual race between Phelps and Thorpe, but the American finished a distant third.

For pure drama, it didn't come close to matching up to this one.

Phelps led off against Aussie star Grant Hackett, Thorpe — adorned in black from head to toe — finished up with his furious pursuit of Keller. It was the second-closest 800 relay in Olympic history, topped only by the Americans' margin of four-hundredths of a second over West Germany at the 1984 Games. Coincidentally, the U.S. coaches showed their team a tape of that race beforehand, hoping to buttress the importance of finishing strong.

It must have helped. The Thorpedo came up short, the Americans winning with a time of 7 minutes, 7.33 seconds. The Australians settled for silver in 7:07.46, while the Italians were more than four seconds back in third.

"I tried to put my head down," Thorpe said. "It was a good last 50 for me and a great one for Klete. Unfortunately, I didn't quite get there."

In the 200 butterfly, Phelps held off Takashi Yamamoto to win in an Olympic record (5:40). The hard-charging Japanese swimmer took silver (5:45.56), while Britain's Stephen Parry won bronze (5:52.22).

Halfway through the eight-day swimming meet, Phelps has three gold and two bronze medals. He had hoped to challenge Spitz's record of seven gold medals from the 1972 Munich Games, but that effort ended with third-place finishes in the 400 free relay and 200 free.

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behind in an outside lane to beat Federico Pellegrini, a 16-year-old Italian. Solenne Figues of France took bronze, while American Dana Vollmer was sixth, just behind world-record holder Franziska van Almsick.

The Americans' relay win was a much-needed salve after the disappointment of managing only a bronze in the 400 free relay, won by the South Africans in world-record time two nights earlier.

Phelps gave the Americans a 1:01-second advantage against Hackett. Lochte stretched the lead a little more against Michael Klim, and Vanderkaay — with the best 200 of his life — handed off a 1:48-second cushion with his swim against Nicholas Sprenger.

The Aussies held Thorpe for the anchor leg, and he quickly closed in on Keller. The Thorpedo knocked off nearly a second through the first 100, and made the turn for home virtually even with the American.

But Keller had a little more in reserve than Thorpe, who swam the 100 freestyle semifinals earlier in the evening. That proved to be the difference.

"I'm not saying I ran died, but I had enough of a lead to be on top," said Keller, who won the first gold medal of his career.

"We all train to race against the best in the world every day, and we learn not to let that psyche you out. The U.S. and Australia bring the best out of each other. I love racing them."

Two-time Olympic champion Alexander Popov was knocked out in the 100 freestyle semifinals, while neither American got that far.

Stunningly, Jason Lezak and Ian Crocker were eliminated in the morning preliminaries, both swimming much slower than they did at the American trials.

Popov is gone, too. A winner in Barcelona and Atlanta and silver medalist in Sydney, the 32-year-old Russian won't add to his 100 total at these Games.

Van den Hoogenband, the defending Olympic champion, did advance to Wednesday's final. So did Thorpe, who nudged out Popov for the final spot.

**U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps reacts after his team won the 800-meter freestyle relay at the Olympic Aquatic Centre in Athens on Tuesday. The U.S. finished 13 hundredths of a second ahead of Australia in the relay.**

Thorpe is having another superb Olympics, with three gold medals and one silver.

The Americans added to their medal haul when Amanda Beard took silver in the 200 individual medley. The three-time Olympian earned the fifth medal of her career behind Ukraine's Yana Klochkova, who defended the title she won in Sydney with a time of 2:11.14.

Beard made her winning move during the breaststroke portion and finished in 2:11.70. Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe earned bronze, her second medal of the games.

"I'm not a great freestyler," Beard said. "If I didn't have my breaststroke leg, I wouldn't be here."

Camelia Potec of Romania won gold in the 200 free, coming from

## U.S. kayaker Giddens advances to semifinals

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Former whitewater kayaking world champion Rebecca Giddens used a clean first run through the first-ever Olympic slalomwater course on Tuesday to advance to the single kayak semifinals.

"For the most part, I paddled well, but I have some things to go home and think about to get ready for tomorrow," said Giddens, who picked up a couple of two-second penalties on her second run for hitting gates. "This year, I didn't focus on World Cups. My main focus was to come

here and compete in the Games and be prepared for this."

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The new, man-made rapid at the Helliniko Complex has been praised for the biggest, fastest whitewater of any Olympic course, and it was rough on American single canoe racer Chris Ennis. He flipped and missed a gate, a 50-second penalty, knocking him out of contention.

"I started out great and was paddling as well as I ever have," said Ennis, of Bryson City, N.C. "I chose a bad line coming out of gate 14, and I suffered for it."

Michal Martikan of Slovakia, who won gold in 1996 and silver in 2000, finished the preliminary round in first place.



**Rebecca Giddens competes in the K1 women's kayak single competition on Tuesday in Athens, Greece.**



## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## American softball team still on a roll

BY TOM WITTERS

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Lori Harrigan twirled her index finger like a conductor's baton, leading the American fans' serenade.

"A-G Double-T," they belted, as she headed for the team bus. "G-A-N, spells Harrigan."

It's a familiar tune. So was the U.S. softball team's latest victory.

Harrigan, a two-time Olympic gold medalist, pitched a one-inning and Crystl Bustos broke out of her Grecian slump with a home run Tuesday in a 4-0 victory over China, the Americans' fourth straight shutout.

The United States is lining up zeros like Olympic rings.

Lovianne Jung had two RBIs and Leah O'Brien-Amico hit a run-scoring double as the Americans extended their winning streak to 74 games and improved their international record against China to 10-1.

The United States, which has outscored its opponents 24-0 in the preliminary round, has 14 shutouts in 23 games since softball joined the Olympics in 1996.

"Numbers mean nothing to us right now," said coach Mike Candello. "There's a long way to go."

A security supervisor at the Belpagio Hotel when she's not blowing pitches by hitters or talking trash to Olympic teammate Lebron James, Harrigan struck out one as the Americans (4-0) coasted.

Harrigan's relief out in the tournament open against Italy (three hits, 11 innings) was one of the key moments when the U.S. team has shown any cracks on the Saranikos Coast. The 33-year-old atoned for that performance with a dominant one.

"She had her full arsenal," said catcher Jenny Topping, who added two hits. "She couldn't miss with a pitch."

Harrigan dispensed her full repertoire — fastball, curveball, screwball, drop and rise — on the overmatched Chinese (2-2), who put only two runners on base against the 6-foot-11 left-hander nicknamed "Vegeta."

She was dealing. "I felt a lot better today," the former All-American at UNLV said. "I had all my pitches working. I was trying to be too perfect the other day."

Harrigan might not get the publicity of the other U.S. pitchers: Jennie Finch, Lisa Fernandez or even Cat Osterman, the 21-year-old lefty who one-hit Japan on Monday. But as one of the mainstays for the U.S. program for the past decade, Harrigan gets plenty of love from her teammates.

"She's the one that keeps us to-



Stacey Nuwman, left, and Leah Amico, right, celebrate the Americans' 4-0 victory Tuesday over China. The U.S. team has won all four of its games by shutout.

gether," said Finch. "Lori's our team mom. If your shirt is not tucked in, she'll tell you about it. She's a fighter, too. No one's tougher than Lori."

Except for maybe Bustos.

Considered the world's best power hitter, connected for her first homer of the Games in the fifth inning to put the United States ahead 4-0. The stout Californian had been 1-for-10 before pulling a pitch from Li Qi over the 220-foot wall in left. As she left the batter's box, Bustos did a Sammy Sosa-like hop.

"That was awesome," Bustos said. "I was being struggling."

Candello knew it wouldn't last. "If she's 0-for-8, you had better look out," he said. "When Crystl gets confident, you can't get her out."

Harrigan dominated from the start. After allowing Mu Xia to reach on a leadoff hit in the first, she struck out the only and retired the next 16. Only one other Chinese hitter reached, when Harrigan threw away a comebacker in the sixth.

She finished the shutout by striking out Tao Hua.

"You could tell she wanted that one," Finch said.

It was nothing new for Shan McDonald, who has seen Harrigan make countless hitters look silly.

Now China's coach, McDonald coached Harrigan in college. She recalled how as an 18-year-old, Harrigan simply reared back and fired from the circle. She can still bring the heat when she needs to, but Harrigan is much more selective with her pitches — more Greg Maddux than Randy Johnson.

"She's just a much more mature pitcher," McDonald said, raising her voice to make sure Harrigan would hear as she walked past on the way to the locker room. "She's a far better pitcher now than she was back then!"

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## U.S. women tie Aussies in soccer

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece — The U.S. women's soccer team only needed a tie Tuesday and that's all it got — setting for a draw against a team it had always beaten.

The Americans tied Australia 1-1, ending a perfect record against the Matildas that lasted 17 years. But the result was good enough to clinch first-place in the U.S. group, setting up a quarterfinal match against Japan on Friday.

"This team never likes to tie or lose," said captain Julie Foudy, who assisted on the U.S. goal but was the culprit on defense when Australia answered. "It's disappointing in that sense, but we're moving on to the quarterfinals. We're first in our group. We'll put some things together and make sure for the quarters we play two halves."

The mixed feelings were reflected throughout the locker room and in the words of coach April Heinrichs, who said she was dissatisfied that her team lost control of the game in the second half. The coach wants to see more bite now that do-or-die time has arrived.

"I'm optimistic that in the knockout phase we'll play with a little less caution," Heinrichs said. "And a little more aggressive mentality."

It will help that one of the team's most aggressive players, Abby Wambach, will return for the quarterfinals after serving a one-game suspension for rough play. Wambach has scored 16 goals in her last 17 games, and replacement Cindy Parlow wasn't able to command the same attention or finish



U.S. forward Mia Hamm, left, tries to get the ball from Australia's Danielle Alagich during Tuesday's 1-1 tie.

her scoring chances. As a result, Mia Hamm was constantly double-teamed.

"I couldn't hit the broad side of the barn today," Parlow said.

The Americans dominated the first half, taking the lead on Kristine Lilly's goal in the 19th minute. Australia initially played with just one forward and didn't have a shot on goal in the first 60 minutes, but the game changed when coach Adrian Santic inserted a second attacker in the 62nd minute.

The Australians pressured constantly the rest of the game, and the Americans couldn't adjust. The result was Joanne Peters' tying goal in the 82nd minute, achieving a result that broke a 15-game Aussie losing streak to the United States dating to the teams' first meeting in 1987.

"To achieve this result is incredible," Santic said. "It gives credibility to the game in Australia."

Australia qualified for the quarterfinals with the tie, although they would have advanced anyway because of Brazil's win over Greece. The Matildas will play World Cup runner-up Sweden on Friday.

The Americans had already clinched a spot in the quarterfinals with 3-0 and 2-0 wins over Greece and Brazil, but their first-place finish guarantees

they will avoid an extra road trip. They will stay in Thessaloniki to prepare for Japan, which will enter the game with five days' rest in a format that had some teams playing fewer first-round games than others.

"They'll be rusty," Foudy said. "You know, like the Lakers, they take five days off and don't know what to do with themselves."

## Celebration turns tragic in Thailand

The Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — A celebration for the first Thai woman to win an Olympic gold medal turned tragic Tuesday when a man was shot to death at the home of the parents of weightlifter Udomporn Polsak.

Polsak's parents had been hosting about 500 people at their home in the northeastern Nakhon Ratchasima province to celebrate their daughter's victory Sunday in the 117-pound class.

During the celebration, police said, a drunken teenager named Worayuth Wonsantai fatally shot another guest, a 21-year-old man

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known as Boy Jonkoh, who was described as a relative of Polsak.

Police Capt. Chalermsak Chain-arongsak said he didn't know the exact circumstances.

## Greek sprinters Kenteris, Thanou leave hospital

ATHENS, Greece — Sprinter Kostas Kenteris declared himself innocent as he left a hospital Tuesday, facing questions from prosecutors, fellow Greeks and the IOC about his missed drug test and motorcycle accident.

"I am suffering a great injustice, and I want to say I never used banned substances," Kenteris said as he got into a car and was driven away by a friend.

Sprinter Katerina Thanou, his training partner, left a short time later, declining to discuss their case until the International Olympic Committee rules on it.

The sprinters have a hearing Wednesday with an IOC disciplinary committee, which wants to know why they missed drug tests in the Olympic village Thursday.

A few hours later, they were taken to a hospital with cuts and bruises sustained when their motorcycle skidded on a road.

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## 2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

## U.S. golden girls settle for silver

## Heralded Americans falter, finish second to Romania

BY NANCY ARMOUR  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The mistakes were so minor. Carly Patterson's foot scraping the lower of the uneven bars. Courtney Kupets' tumbling pass that ended here instead of there. Mohini Bhargava's slight stumble on the beam.

They're the kind of errors only judges see, little things that seem inconsequential. But those mistakes add up, and they cost the U.S. gymnastics team a gold medal.

The Americans settled for silver Tuesday night, done in as much by their own sloppiness as Romania's sheer superiority. Their errors in every event cost them valuable fractions of points. They finished with 113.584, just behind the Romanians, who won their second straight gold medal.

Russia won the bronze. Silver is nothing to be ashamed of, of course. The U.S. men won Monday night and were positively giddy. And it's far better than leaving empty-handed, which the U.S. women did in Sydney for the first time since 1976.

But these women are world champions, winners of every international meet they've entered since 2002 and perhaps the best team the United States has ever put on the floor. This was supposed to be their coronation.

"We made small mistakes," said renowned coach Bela Karolyi, a native Romanian whose wife Martha is the U.S. team coordinator.

"Small mistakes are to be paid for. And we paid."

The Americans knew it. After Patterson closed out the team's night with a saucy, sassy floor routine that had the Olympic Indoor Hall rocking, she and her teammates sat somberly on the sideline as the Romanians took the floor.

The team, which finished second to the United States in last summer's world championships, needed to average only 9.35 points per routine to catch the Americans. Easily done.



Romania's Catalina Ponor hugs a teammate after they won the gold medal Tuesday in Athens.

Daniela Sofronie soared above the floor on her tumbling passes, flying so high fans sitting in the first few rows had to look up to see her.

Catalina Ponor, the final Romanian, brought the crowd to its feet with one of the finest routines of the night. Technically perfect, she stuck her landings with sureness and confidence. Her teammates were already hugging each other and crying when her music stopped, and Ponor sprinted off the mat with a grin on her face.

Even Karolyi had to applaud. The Americans, meanwhile, sat glumly in their seats. A few clapped. Most simply stared ahead, perhaps thinking about all the wasted opportunities.

They started strong, fixing problems they'd had on vault in the preliminaries. Then they moved to their best event, the uneven bars.

But Patterson, normally at her best under pressure, faltered.

Flying from the low bar, she landed too close to the high bar and hit it at a dead stop. With no momentum at all, she had to muscle her way up to a handstand, but it was slow and looked awkward. With her rhythm off, she clipped the low bar on her next swing around, and even the crowd winced.

Terin Humphrey and Kupets, however, bailed her out. Kupets, the world champion on bars in



U.S. gymnast Carly Patterson completes on the balance beam during the women's team final in Athens, Greece on Tuesday.

2002, flits and flies with the ease of a bird. When she hit the mat with a solid thud, she arched her back, puffed out her chest and grinned. Her score of 9.662 lifted the Americans into first place.

But then came the balance beam — Romania's best event. The Americans started in a hole when Kupets was pulled out of the lineup with a sore right leg.

Bhargava replaced her, and gave a clutch performance on short notice. She landed three straight back handsprings as if she was on flat ground. And she did a back aerial somersault from a standing position easier than most people can do a cartwheel. Her dismount was nearly perfect.

But she made several slight errors, including cutting out one move after wobbling on the landing of a somersault, and they were reflected in her 9.4 score.

That dropped the Americans behind the Romanians heading into the final rotation. They still had a chance to win gold, but quickly gave it away.

Prancing and dancing to an infectious percussive beat, Kupets was clearly having fun, until it was time to do what looks like a simple dance move. Spinning in place, Kupets lost her balance and stumbled out of the pirouette.

The crowd gasped, her smile disappeared.

Such a little error, such a big price.

## Sprinter Edwards' appeal is denied

BY STEPHEN WILSON  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — U.S. sprinter Torri Edwards was knocked out of the Olympics for good Tuesday when an arbitration panel upheld her two-year drug suspension, rejecting her arguments that she took a banned stimulant by accident.

Edwards had been considered a medal contender in the 100 and 200 meters at the Athens Games. She inherited the world championship in the 100 when Kelli White forfeited that crown because of drug use.

She tested positive for nikethamide at a meet in Martinique on April 24, but blamed the result on a glucose supplement she took because she wasn't feeling well. She said her physician bought the glucose at a store on the Caribbean island, and that she was unaware it contained any banned substances.

The international Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled Tuesday, one day after it held a 5½-hour hearing at which Edwards spoke on her own behalf. The ruling is final.

At the U.S. Olympic trials, Edwards finished second in the 100 in 11.02 seconds, and third in the 200 in 22.59. Her spot in the 100 will go to Gail Devers, who finished fourth at the trials. Her spot in the 200 will go to LaShaunte'a Moore.

Edwards' suspension was announced last Wednesday by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

A U.S. arbitration panel that first heard the case said there might have been "exceptional circumstances." But an International Association of Athletics Federations doping review board rejected that argument, relying on the "strict liability" standard that declares athletes responsible for any banned substances found in their bodies.

The IAAF said it was "very pleased" that the CAS panel had accepted the ruling of its doping review board.

## Iliadis gives hosts some joy with gold in judo; Japan adds fourth gold in event

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Ilias Iliadis of Greece thrilled the home crowd Tuesday, beating Roman Gontyuk of Ukraine to win the gold medal in the 81-kilogram class in judo.

Dmitri Nossow of Russia and Flavio Canto of Brazil shared the bronze.

Florian Wanner of Germany, last year's world champion, lost to Gontyuk in the quarterfinals. Sergei Aschwandan of Switzerland, the runner-up at the world championships, lost to Argentina's Ariel Sganga in the round of 32.

## Olympic medals roundup

Japan's Ayumi Tanimoto beat Claudia Heill of Austria to win the women's 63-kilogram division. Japan has won four gold medals and a silver in the eight judo events.

Driyus Gonzalez Morales of Cuba and Urska Zolnir of Slovenia shared the bronze.

## Shooting

Men's double trap: Sheikh Ahmed Al

Maktoum of the United Arab Emirates tied an Olympic record Tuesday, winning the gold medal in double trap shooting.

Al Maktoum scored 189 points, matching the total that Mark Russell of Australia reached in Sydney in 2000. The 40-year-old Al Maktoum had the rest of the field playing for silver in the final round, finishing 10 shots ahead of Rajayvardhan Rathore of India.

Wang Zheng of China won the bronze with a 178.

Americans Glenn Eller, the world champion, and Sgt. 1st Class Brett Erickson failed to qualify for the finals.

Men's 50-meter pistol: Mikhail Nestruev of Russia won the title, rebounding from a final-shot loss in the 10-meter air pistol, which prevented him from becoming a double gold medalist.

Nestruev won with a score of 663.3. Jin Jong-ho of South Korea finished at 661.5, and Kim Jong-su of North Korea won the bronze with a 657.7.

World champion Tan Zongliang of China finished tied for 10th and missed the final round. American Sgt. 1st Class Daryl Szarenski also failed to qualify for the finals, finishing tied for 15th in qualifications.



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# Greeks push U.S. to limit

## Suddenly vulnerable Americans win squeaker

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Tim Duncan had fouled out, Allen Iverson was playing with a broken thumb, and Greece had a chance to pull within two points with 18 seconds left.

Lamar Odom defended the play perfectly for the Americans, keeping his hand high and preventing Dimitris Papanikolaou from getting a clean layup attempt. Odom, playing despite severe dehydration, rebounded the miss and made two free throws to lock up the U.S. team's 77-71 victory Tuesday night in its second game of the Olympics.

In a much closer contest than expected, the Americans bounced back from their embarrassing loss to Puerto Rico in their opener and avoided dropping to 0-2, which would have matched their loss total from the previous 68 years.

The U.S. team got the win because of big plays from Odom and Carlos Boozer down the stretch after Duncan fouled out and Iverson cooled off following a strong start.

The game was a spectacle in many ways, from the Greek fans waving blue and white flags to U.S. coach Larry Brown angrily gesturing at the referees. A close game such as this was rare in previous Olympics, but now it appears to be something the Americans should get used to.

Iverson scored 17 points, 13 in the first half, and Duncan had 13 of his 14 points in a third quarter in which he picked up two fouls, setting the stage for a tight fourth quarter.

It was 64-61 when Duncan returned with 5:46 left, and 67-63 when he fouled out about two minutes later on a questionable loose-ball foul call that left him staring in disbelief and Brown pointing in anger at the official.

Odom and Stephon Marbury scored inside to give the Americans some breathing room, though a drive by Antonis Fotsis made it a four-point game with 1:10 left.

Boozer then came up with the Americans' biggest field goal of the night, rebounding Shawn Marion's missed three-pointer from the corner and banking it in for a 74-68 lead.

A three-pointer by Greece made it 75-71, and Boozer missed a pair of free throws and gave Greece a chance to get within two. But Odom wouldn't let it happen, and a turnover by Greece after Odom's free throws with 15.5 seconds left ended the suspense.

Iverson scored nine of the



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Greece's Antonis Fotsis takes a shot over LeBron James (9) and Stephon Marbury (5) of the United States during Tuesday's Olympic preliminary game in Athens, Greece. The United States won 77-71.

Americans' 18 points in the first quarter, but Greece kept it close by collapsing two defenders on Duncan to keep him from attempting even a single shot.

LeBron James had three fast-break dunks in the first five minutes of the second quarter as part of a 10-2 run that put the Americans ahead 29-19. James added a short bank shot on another fast break to get the lead up to 12, but Brown removed him in favor of Iverson moments later, and Greece scored the next six points and trailed just 37-31 at the half.

Duncan did not attempt a field

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goal until 80 seconds had elapsed in the third quarter, and he picked up his second and third fouls in the first 2½ minutes of the second half as Greece came back and took a 40-39 lead.

Greece had a run of eight unanswered points to pull to 62-61 with 6:20 left.

### Medal count

Leaders after 50 medal events in the 2004 Olympics on Tuesday, Aug. 17.

Country	G	S	B	Total
United States	6	7	6	19
China	10	6	2	18
Australia	6	3	5	14
Russia	2	5	12	12
Japan	6	2	1	9
France	2	2	4	8
Italy	2	3	2	7
Ukraine	4	0	1	5
Netherlands	0	2	3	5
Germany	1	2	1	4
South Korea	1	1	2	4
Cuba	0	0	4	4



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